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1 **[NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION,**
2 **TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2003, BEGINS ON PAGE 231.]**

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4 There is no reportable action as a result of today's closed
5 session.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS PEOPLE ARE
9 TRYING TO GET DONE, BECAUSE THIS IS A VERY CRUCIAL MEETING,
10 BUT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER. THE
11 INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY REVEREND CHRISTIE
12 LEGRAND, WHO SERVES AS PASTOR AT THE GREAT HOPE FELLOWSHIP OF
13 FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES. THE PLEDGE
14 VETERAN WILL BE MANUAL C. LOPEZ, COMMANDER, DANIEL E. MARSH
15 POST NUMBER 320, THE AMERICAN LEGION. WOULD EVERYONE PLEASE
16 STAND. WHAT IS THAT NOISE?

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18 **PASTOR CHRIS LEGRAND:** LET US PRAY. GRACIOUS GOD, OUR FATHER WE
19 COME TO YOU NOW AND WE THANK YOU LORD FOR THIS, A BRAND NEW
20 DAY THAT WE'VE NOT SEEN BEFORE. WE THANK YOU FOR THE MINDS AND
21 THE HEARTS OF THESE THAT YOU'VE GIVEN THE AWESOME TASK OF
22 LEADING OUR CITY. WE PRAY YOUR BLESSINGS UPON THIS MEETING
23 TODAY. WE PRAY NOW THAT YOU WOULD JUST BLESS AND WE THANK YOU
24 NOW. AMEN.

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1 **MANUEL C. LOPEZ:** WILL EVERYONE PUT THEIR HANDS OVER THEIR
2 HEART THERE PLEASE, AND WE'LL START OFF WITH THE PLEDGE OF
3 ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL REVEREND LEGRAND AS WE SAID, SERVES AS
6 PASTOR OF GREAT HOPE FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST
7 CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES. HE ATTENDED TALBOT SEMINARY, IOLA
8 UNIVERSITY. SIMULTANEOUSLY HE WORKED TOWARD HIS BACHELOR OF
9 SCIENCE DEGREE AND IS CONTINUING CLASSES TOWARD A DUAL DEGREE
10 AT THE CALIFORNIA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY. REVEREND
11 LEGRAND SERVED MOST OF HIS CALLING AT THE MCCOY MEMORIAL
12 BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE HE USED HIS RESOURCES AND EXPERIENCE TO
13 GIVE LIFE, LIFTING INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPOWERMENT TO YOU. HE'S
14 STILL VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT CONTINUING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN
15 THE LIVES OF YOUTH AND INDIVIDUALS TODAY. HE'S MARRIED, HE HAS
16 FIVE CHILDREN, AND WE'RE SO PLEASED THAT HE WOULD BE WITH US
17 AND GIVE US THAT INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE. [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ZEV? THE PLEDGE VETERAN IS ACTUALLY FROM
20 THE FIRST DISTRICT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT IS MY HONOR AND PLEASURE TO MAKE A
23 PRESENTATION THIS MORNING TO MANUEL C. LOPEZ. MR. LOPEZ IS THE
24 COMMANDER OF THE DANIEL E. MARSH POST OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
25 IN LOS ANGELES. HE SERVED AS CHIEF PETTY OFFICER WITH THE



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1 CONSTRUCTION BATTALION OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY FROM 1942 TO
2 1945 IN THE ASIATIC PACIFIC, WHICH INCLUDED BATTLES IN
3 OKINAWA, IWO JIMA, SIPAN, GUAM AND THE MARIANAS. HIS MANY
4 DECORATIONS INCLUDE THE UNITED STATES NAVY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL,
5 A COMBAT ACTION RIBBON, THE ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN MEDAL
6 WITH A SILVER BATTLE STAR, A WORLD WAR TWO VICTORY MEDAL AND A
7 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. HE HAS RESIDED IN THE FIRST
8 DISTRICT FOR WELL OVER 53 YEARS AND IS NOW RETIRED, AND WE
9 WANT TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF
10 APPRECIATION FOR LEADING US IN OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS
11 MORNING. GRACIAS. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW CALL THE AGENDA.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
16 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 5. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1
17 THROUGH 32, I HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 3,
18 HOLD FOR G. LEE AND OTHER. ON ITEM NUMBER 4, HOLD FOR
19 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND SUPERVISOR KNABE AND OTHER. NUMBER
20 6, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, IS A REVISED MOTION. ON NUMBER
21 12, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR BURKE, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, AND
22 SUPERVISOR KNABE. NUMBER 13, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET,
23 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED BACK
24 TO HIS OFFICE.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ITEM IS THAT?

2

3 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I'M SORRY, ON NUMBER 13. ON ITEM NUMBER
4 14, HOLD FOR JULIO GIRON, AND IT ALSO INCLUDES REVISIONS AS
5 NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET. ON ITEM NUMBER 15, HOLD FOR
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ALSO INCLUDING THE REVISIONS AS NOTED
7 ON THE GREEN SHEET. ON ITEM NUMBER 21, THE RECOMMENDATION
8 SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE HONORING THE NURSES FROM THE FIRE
9 DEPARTMENT AS WELL. ON ITEM 23, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND
10 SUPERVISOR KNABE. ON ITEM 24, ALSO INCLUDING THE REVISIONS AS
11 NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
12 SUPERVISOR KNABE, AND OTHER. ON ITEM 25, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR
13 YAROSLAVSKY. ON ITEM 26, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE. ON ITEM
14 27, HOLD FOR ZEV -- NO? THE REMAINDER ARE BEFORE YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I RELEASE MY HOLD ON 15.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE HOLD ON 15 IS RELEASED. ON
19 THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY ANTONOVICH SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT
20 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 33 THROUGH
23 35, ON ITEM NUMBER 33, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED
2 BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBOR, ITEMS 36 AND 37. ON
5 ITEM 36, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE AND OTHERS.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 37, MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY
8 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. ON ITEM 38,
11 HOLD FOR MICHAEL HUNT. COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS, ON ITEM
12 39, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT ITEM WILL BE
15 CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS. THAT'S ITEM 39.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, ITEM 40.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** FIRE DEPARTMENT, ITEMS 41 THROUGH 43.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.
25 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 44 THROUGH 50. ON
3 ITEM NUMBER 44, FOR THE RECORD, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTES
4 "NO," AND ITEM 48 INCLUDES THE REVISIONS AS NOTED ON THE GREEN
5 SHEET.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY
8 YAROSLAVSKY, AND WITH NO OBJECTION, ON ALL ITEMS EXCEPT 44,
9 WHERE ANTONOVICH IS RECORDED AS "NO" --

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WANT TO HOLD THAT ITEM.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHICH ITEM?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 44.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM 44 WILL BE HELD RATHER THAN
18 -- SO ON THE REMAINDER, THEY WERE APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION
19 WITH THE REVISIONS THAT WE HAVE FROM THE GREEN SHEET ON 48.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MENTAL HEALTH, ITEMS 51 AND 52.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.
24 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEMS 53 AND 54.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.

4 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC LIBRARY, ITEM 55.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA.

9 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ITEMS 56 AND 57.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.

14 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 58 THROUGH 88, AND
17 THAT INCLUDES 79 WITH REVISIONS AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET,
18 CHANGING THE BID OPENING DATE TO MAY 29.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.

21 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 31, SHERIFF, ITEMS 89 THROUGH 92.

24 ON ITEM 90, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, 90 IS CONTINUED FOR TWO
2 WEEKS.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

5
6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED
7 BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8
9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 93
10 THROUGH 96. ON ITEMS 93 AND 94, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS
11 THAT THOSE ITEMS BE HELD.

12
13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED
14 BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15
16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION, ON 97, FOR THE
17 RECORD, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES "NO".

18
19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE,
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION WITH THE RECORDING OF A "NO" VOTE BY MOLINA
21 ON NUMBER 97, THAT ITEM IS APPROVED.

22
23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTER, TREASURER AND TAX
24 COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2003/ 2004
25 TAX EXEMPT TAX AND REVENUE, ANTICIPATION NOTES, SHORT-TERM



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1 BORROWING PROGRAM AND ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
2 ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE 2003/2004 TAX AND REVENUE
3 ANTICIPATION NOTES, AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO
4 EXCEED \$1,150 -- LET ME SAY IT AGAIN. \$1,150,000,000.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECONDED -- MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED
7 BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON THE BUDGET MATTER, ON ITEM 99, HOLD
10 FOR THE BOARD. MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
11 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
12 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
13 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
14 ITEM 100-A, HOLD FOR JULIO GIRON, 100-B.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 100-C, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS A TWO-
20 WEEK CONTINUANCE.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THE PRESENT COLLECTION TO CONTINUE
23 DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME UNTIL FURTHER ORDER.

24

25 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. AND 100-D.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A NOTE THAT, ON
6 ITEM 54, WE NEED TO RECONSIDER AND IT NEEDS TO BE CONTINUED
7 FOR -- OR REFERRED BACK TO SUPERVISOR --

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHICH ITEM WAS THAT?

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 54, TO REFER BACK TO -- TO REFER BACK TO
12 PARKS AND RECREATION.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID WE VOTE ON THAT?

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES YOU DID.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A MOTION TO RECONSIDER? MOVE TO
19 RECONSIDER AND SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
20 ORDERED. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT ITEM 54 BE
21 REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I MOVE A RECONSIDERATION OF
2 ITEM 15 AND ASK THAT IT BE CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
5 KNABE, THAT ITEM 15 BE CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST ASK A -- IF WE COULD DISCUSS IT?

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THERE WAS A HOLD ON IT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH WELL YOU WERE HOLDING IT AND THAN.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OH IT'S 15, OH THAT'S FINE, OKAY, I'M SORRY.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO I -- I MEAN RATHER THAN HOLD IT TODAY
16 JUST RECONSIDER IT AND PUT IT OVER FOR TWO WEEKS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FINE.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION SO ORDERED.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FINE, I'M SORRY.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 15 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS
2 WITHOUT OBJECTION.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
5 AGENDA, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
6 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 3.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOUR PRESENTATIONS.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE ONE PRESENTATION, AND
11 I'D LIKE TO ASK MARV DIXON TO COME UP. MARV IS A LOT SHORTER
12 THAN HE WAS WHEN I FIRST MET HIM. MARVIN J. DIXON, HE SERVED
13 WITH DISTINCTION IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES IN THE LOS ANGELES
14 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, SINCE HE FIRST JOINED THE FORCE
15 IN JULY, 1972. HE SERVED MOST RECENTLY AS THE DEPARTMENT'S
16 CHIEF OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION AND TECHNICAL
17 SERVICES DIVISION, HAVING PREVIOUSLY WORKED AS A CAPTAIN IN
18 THE FAMILY CRIMES BUREAU OF THE NORWALK STATION AND AS A
19 LIEUTENANT IN THE MIRA LOMA JAIL AND THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
20 STATION. HE SERVED AS A SERGEANT IN THE PITCH'S HONOR RANCHO
21 AND THE CRESCENTA VALLEY STATION. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A
22 CUSTODY DEPUTY IN VARIOUS COUNTY FACILITIES. MARV HAS AT ALL
23 TIMES AND IN ALL CAPACITIES PERFORMED ABLY, COMPETENTLY AND
24 CONSCIENTIOUSLY WITH HONOR, INTEGRITY, AND AN ABIDING
25 COMMITMENT TO SERVE AND PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY. AND



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1 HE HAS REFLECTED ONLY CREDIT ON HIS DEPARTMENT AND THE
2 SHERIFF. AND HE HAS EARNED THE TRUST, LOYALTY AND AFFECTION OF
3 HIS COLLEAGUES THROUGH HARD WORK AND DEEP DEVOTION TO HIS JOB
4 AND COMMUNITY AND NOW THAT HE'S ELECTED TO PURSUE A WELL-
5 EARNED RETIREMENT HE'LL BE SORELY MISSED BY ALL THOSE
6 FORTUNATE TO HAVE SERVED UNDER OR ALONGSIDE HIM. AND THE BOARD
7 OF SUPERVISORS RESOLVES THAT MARVIN J. DIXON BE HEREBY HIGHLY
8 COMMENDED FOR EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE AND HE'S EXTENDED
9 SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY, HEALTHY, REWARDING RETIREMENT
10 WITH CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL
11 ENDEAVORS. AND I JUST WANT TO JUST ADD AN AD-LIB HERE THAT
12 I'VE ONLY OWN MARV THROUGH HIS ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
13 RESPONSIBILITIES AS BEING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGE
14 REPRESENTATIVE AND IN THAT CAPACITY, KIND OF LIKE TARIQ AZIZ,
15 YOU KNOW, HE HAD A TOUGH LINE TO TRY TO -- A TOUGH POLICY TO
16 DEFEND SOMETIMES, BUT HE DID IT EXTREMELY WELL, AND I WILL SAY
17 THIS ABOUT MARV AND IT REALLY SHOULD BE A LESSON TO ALL
18 SUBORDINATES WHO WORK FOR US, FOR POLITICIANS, FOR SHERIFFS,
19 FOR C.A.O.S., HE ALWAYS TOLD THE TRUTH AND SOMETIMES, AT SOME
20 PERIL FROM US OR FROM HIS OWN BOSSES, IT'S -- BUT I THINK THE
21 MOST IMPERATIVE THING OF A PUBLIC SERVANT, ESPECIALLY IN THE
22 BUREAUCRACY, IN THE CIVIL SERVICE, IF YOU WILL, IS YOU SERVE
23 YOUR SUPERIORS BEST WHEN YOU DELIVER THEM TRUTHFUL AND
24 ACCURATE INFORMATION AND NOT TRY TO SUGAR COAT IT OR MOLD IT
25 IN SOME WAY TO MINIMIZE THE REACTION, AND YOU DID THAT, YOU



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1 DID THAT WITH ME AND I APPRECIATED THAT, AND I KNOW YOU DID
2 THAT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. AND AS SUCH, I THINK YOU DID A
3 GREAT SERVICE TO THE SHERIFF AND TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
4 AND TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND MARV, YOU'LL BE --
5 YOU'LL BE MISSED, YOU'RE A REAL ASSET TO THE SHERIFF'S
6 DEPARTMENT AND WE WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS. [
7 APPLAUSE]

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME INTRODUCE MARV'S WIFE, CHRIS, WHO IS
10 HERE. AND MARV, SAY A WORD.

11

12 **MARVIN J. DIXON:** WELL THANK YOU, THANK YOU SUPERVISOR
13 YAROSLAVSKY, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THIS IS A HIGH HONOR
14 AND I DEEPLY APPRECIATE IT. I WAS HONORED AND BLESSED TO SERVE
15 THIS COUNTY FOR 31 YEARS AND I FULFILLED A DREAM. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME SAY I'VE ALSO ENJOYED THE OPPORTUNITY
18 AND MY STAFF TO WORK WITH MARV AND WE APPRECIATED YOUR
19 INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM AND WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. LOTS OF CONTINUED SUCCESS,
22 THANKS SO MUCH.

23

24 **MARVIN J. DIXON:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE MADAM CHAIR.

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD --
4 I'LL TRY THIS ONE OVER HERE. I, TOO, WANT TO WISH MARV WELL, I
5 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH MARV WHEN HE WAS CAPTAIN ON
6 NORWALK STATION AND HE DID A GREAT JOB IN WORKING WITH THE
7 COMMUNITY AND SO I WISH YOU THE VERY, VERY BEST IN YOUR
8 RETIREMENT MARV. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP DAVE NICHOLS, PRESIDENT
9 OF S.B.C., SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA S.B., LOS ANGELES AREA FOR
10 S.B.C. COMMUNICATIONS AND MR. JEFF STEPHENSON, WHO IS CHAIR OF
11 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JUNIOR GOLF FOUNDATION. WE WANT TO
12 THANK THEM FOR THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
13 JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM. DAVE AND -- DAVE NICHOLS AND S.B.C. HAVE
14 BEEN TREMENDOUS SUPPORTERS OF OUR JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM HERE IN
15 THE COUNTY AS HOST OF THE S.B.C. CHAMPIONS TOUR GOLF EVENT AT
16 VALENCIA COUNTRY CLUB A FEW WEEKS AGO. S.B.C. ORGANIZED A
17 JUNIOR GOLF CLINIC TO BE PUT ON BY THE CHAMPIONS TOUR PLAYERS
18 FOR 400 -- FOR OVER 450 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM LOS ANGELES. THROUGH
19 SOLICITATIONS FROM THEIR EMPLOYEES, THEY ALSO GATHERED OVER
20 150 GOLF CLUBS THAT ARE BEING DONATED TO THE JUNIOR GOLF
21 PROGRAM THROUGH OUR BARREL DONATION PROJECT. DAVE SERVES ON
22 THE BOARD OF THE JUNIOR GOLF FOUNDATION, HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL
23 IN GETTING THIS PROGRAM OFF THE GROUND WITH KEY SUPPORT IN THE
24 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR. S.B.C. HAS BEEN A GREAT CORPORATE
25 PARTNER BUT IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE



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1 PERSONAL INTEREST OF DAVE AND HIS STAFF IN THE GAME OF GOLF
2 AND THE IMPACT THAT IT CAN HAVE ON THE YOUTH OF OUR GREAT
3 COUNTY. IN ADDITION TO ALL THIS, AND WE MADE THE PRESENTATION
4 UPSTAIRS, BUT S.B.C. AND DAVE NICHOLS GENEROUSLY DONATED
5 \$15,000 TO OUR JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM TO CONTINUE ITS GOAL OF
6 PROVIDING FREE AVENUES FOR YOUTH TO LEARN FROM THIS GREAT
7 GAME. AND DAVE BELIEVES AS I DO THAT WE NEED TO KEEP THE GAME
8 AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE AND TO ALL THAT WANT TO PLAY THE
9 LIFELONG GAME OF GOLF. SO I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR BURKE AND
10 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAD SOME OF THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED
11 AND DAVE, AND TO YOU AND JEFF WHO IS CHAIR OF THE JUNIOR GOLF
12 FOUNDATION, WE JUST WANT TO SAY A HEARTFELT THANKS.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. THANK YOU SO MUCH. YOU KNOW, GOLF
15 PROGRAMS ARE SO IMPORTANT TO YOUNG PEOPLE NOW 'CAUSE ALL OF
16 THEM THINK THEY'RE GOING TO BECOME TIGER WOODS. THEY DON'T
17 HAVE TO BECOME TIGER WOODS, BUT THEY ARE BEGINNING TO GET
18 INVOLVED MORE AND MORE IN A VERY IMPORTANT SPORT, BUT IT'S AN
19 EXPENSIVE SPORT. THAT'S WHY WE APPRECIATE SO MUCH THE HELP
20 THAT S.B.C. IS DOING TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO
21 HAVE THOSE CLUBS, THE TIME, AND THE LESSONS THAT THEY NEED.
22 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

23



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1 **DAVE NICHOLS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS OF THE
2 BOARD. ON BEHALF OF S.B.C. I'M VERY PROUD TO ACCEPT THIS
3 COMMENDATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **JEFF STEPHENSON:** I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO S.B.C. AND
6 I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE OUR STAFF THAT
7 REALLY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING OUR PROGRAM GO. MIKE, WHY
8 DON'T YOU COME ON UP AND SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **MIKE:** I'M VERY PROUD TO BE HERE AND I WANT TO THANK ALL THE
11 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT. THEY'VE ALL SHOWN UP AT OUR
12 CAMPS AND WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE 500 JUNIORS FREE GOLF
13 LESSONS THEN IN OUR FIRST YEAR, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [
14 APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** DAVE, ZEV SAYS HE NEEDS A SAND WEDGE, HE'S GOING
17 TO TAKE IT FROM ONE OF THE KIDS I GUESS. [LAUGHTER]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** KEEPING IN A SPIRIT OF GOLF, I'D LIKE TO CALL THE
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF LA MIRADA GOLF COURSE UP. THEY ARE OUR 2002
21 LOS ANGELES COUNTY GOLF COURSE OF THE YEAR, AND WE HAVE A
22 NUMBER OF FOLKS HERE FROM AMERICAN GOLF, WHO OPERATES THE --
23 OH, THEY'RE ALL HERE. I WAS WAITING FOR THEM TO WALK UP, I'M
24 TRYING TO KILL TIME, ANYWAY. OKAY. THIS MARKS THE THIRD YEAR
25 IN A ROW THAT THEY HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN WINNING THIS



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1 PRESTIGIOUS TITLE. BETTER GOLF COURSES HAVE WON THE HONOR
2 THREE TIMES, BUT NEVER THREE TIMES IN A ROW. THE FOUR TOP
3 RATED GOLF COURSES FOR CONSIDERATION THIS YEAR WERE LA MIRADA,
4 LOS VERDES, SANTA ANITA, AND VICTORIA. THE FOUR FINALISTS WERE
5 PLAYED BY AN EVALUATION TEAM THAT WAS COMPRISED OF NUMEROUS
6 MEMBERS AND VARIOUS STAFF PEOPLE, AND WITH US TODAY FROM
7 AMERICAN GOLF, WE HAVE WARREN LEERY, WHO IS THE REGIONAL
8 DIRECTOR, MITSY SUNBERG, THE GENERAL MANAGER, JOHN RODRIGUEZ
9 THE SUPERINTENDENT, JOHN MAHONEY, HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL, DAVE
10 NADER, FOOD AND BEVERAGE DIRECTOR, JANET BARENTES,
11 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, AND I'M GOING TO TURN THIS OVER TO
12 TIM GALLAGHER, OUR DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND REC FOR A FEW
13 COMMENTS AND THEN MAKE A PRESENTATION TO LA MIRADA GOLF
14 COURSE, OUR 2002 GOLF COURSE OF THE YEAR. TIM?

15

16 **TIM GALLAGHER:** THANK YOU. THIS IS REALLY A SPECIAL HONOR, AS
17 THE SUPERVISOR SAID, THIS IS THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW THAT
18 THEY'VE ACHIEVED THIS. THEY ACTUALLY TIED WITH SANTA ANITA,
19 WHICH HAS WON THREE TIMES, TOO, SO NEXT YEAR IS GOING TO BE
20 THE RUBBER MATCH. LA MIRADA IS ONE OF THE PREMIER COURSES AND
21 WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT IS THE EFFORT THAT AMERICAN GOLF MAKES
22 TO MAKE THE COURSE A REALITY. RECENTLY THEY'VE INVESTED OVER
23 \$600,000 OF CORPORATE FUNDS INTO THE COURSE TO MAKE IT THAT
24 MUCH BETTER FOR THE USERS OF L.A. COUNTY AND SO THEY REALLY
25 HAVE A DEDICATED EFFORT TO BE HERE, HAVING BEEN AT THE COURSE



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1 SINCE THE EARLY 80S. AND SO I'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS -- THE
2 PLAQUE, GOLF COURSE OF THE YEAR. MITSY? CONGRATULATIONS.

3

4 **MITSY SUNBERG:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. AND THEN MISTY, YOU ALSO HAVE ONE -- A
7 BIG ONE HERE FOR THE GOLF COURSE, A RECOGNITION OF THREE YEARS
8 IN A ROW. SO WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING?

9

10 **MITSY SUNBERG:** YES. I'D JUST LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE
11 AND THE COUNTY OF L.A. FOR SUPPORTING US AND SUPPORTING GOLF.
12 I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO THANK LARRY LEE AND STEVE DERRON AND TIM
13 GALLAGHER FOR THEIR SUPPORT ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS. MOST OF ALL
14 I'D LIKE TO THANK THE STAFF AT LA MIRADA, AND THE PEOPLE
15 BEHIND ME ARE REALLY THE ONES THAT EXECUTE IT EVERY DAY. THANK
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK STEVE DERRON, OUR DIRECTOR OF GOLF, HAS A
21 PERPETUAL TROPHY HE WANTS TO PRESENT, TOO.

22

23 **STEVE DERRON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WE DO HAVE A PERPETUAL
24 TROPHY THAT WE HAVE AT EACH FACILITY THAT WINS GOLF COURSE OF



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1 THE YEAR. AND MITSY AND TEAM WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT IT TO YOU
2 AND HOLD IT WELL FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

3

4 **MITSY SUNBERG:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 27, SOMEONE WAS HOLDING THAT ITEM.
7 IT'LL MOVE BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT
8 OBJECTION, ITEM 27 IS APPROVED.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET'S HOLD IT AND DISCUSS IT. MS. CHAIRMAN,
11 MEMBERS, FIRST I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE TO YOU THE NEW VICE
12 CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
13 MARIO RODRIGUEZ. MARIO SERVED WITH A GENTLEMAN WE ADJOURNED
14 OUR MEETING FOR A COUPLE WEEKS AGO WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE
15 SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION, SENATOR MOYNIHAN, WHICH HE WAS THE
16 CHAIR OF, AND MARIO WAS A REPRESENTATIVE ON THAT BODY LOOKING
17 AT THE REFORMS TO STRENGTHEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUNGER
18 PEOPLE WHILE PRESERVING THE RIGHTS OF THE OLDER PEOPLE FOR
19 SOCIAL SECURITY FOR THE PRESIDENT, SO AT THIS TIME, I'D JUST
20 LIKE TO INTRODUCE MARIO TO THE BOARD AND THE MEMBERS. SAY
21 SOMETHING? [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **MARIO RODRIGUEZ:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AND
24 SUPERVISORS. WELL I'M JUST HONORED TO BE HERE. I SAW MY GOOD
25 FRIEND, SHERIFF BACA HERE, AND WHERE ELSE BUT IN THIS GREAT



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1 STATE AND THIS GREAT COUNTRY CAN A LATINO FROM SAN CLEMENTE BE
2 HONORED TO BE THE VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THIS REPUBLICAN PARTY, SO
3 I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I'M HONORED AND HUMBLLED TO
4 BE HERE. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S VERY RARE THAT WE HONOR ANYBODY FROM
7 SAN CLEMENTE AROUND HERE SO IT'S -- [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE A GROUP OF
10 INDIVIDUALS WHO REALLY BELIEVE IN THIS PURSUIT OF PURSUING
11 YOUR EDUCATION TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS AND FURTHER YOUR
12 OPPORTUNITIES. TODAY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SHERIFF BACA JOIN US
13 IN COMMENDING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
14 UNIVERSITY ON ITS FIRST GRADUATING CLASS. THESE 18 MEN AND
15 WOMEN EARN MASTER'S DEGREES IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, LEARNING
16 SKILLS AS MANAGING MONEY, ESTABLISHING POLICY, BUILDING TEAMS,
17 AND MOTIVATING OTHERS. THE GRADUATES JUGGLE 40-HOUR WORK WEEKS
18 SCHEDULES DURING THE ACCELERATED ONE-YEAR PROGRAM THAT HELD
19 CLASSES TAKING PLACE AT FOUR SHERIFF FACILITIES. THE
20 UNIVERSITY, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE NATION, IS A
21 CONSORTIUM OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN
22 CALIFORNIA THAT INCLUDES PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS, ONE
23 OF WHICH IS BASED IN SAN DIEGO, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY. SO AT
24 THIS TIME ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I'D LIKE TO
25 RECOGNIZE EACH OF THOSE GRADUATES WHO DID THE -- ABOVE AND



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1 BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY TO STRENGTHEN THEIR OPPORTUNITIES TO
2 SERVE BY BETTER PREPARING THEMSELVES BY FURTHERING THEIR
3 EDUCATION. FIRST IS JOEL AUSTIN. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GUADI ASPERFINA. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OSWEN VANRUNPAM. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CLAIRE CHE. [APPLAUSE]

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OSFATO DOMINGUEZ. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GILBERT HERNANDEZ. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TORY JORDAN HOLLOWAY. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ROBERT JONES, JR. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING ELSE BUT THAT. BRIAN
20 KENOSHITA. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ERIN MOORE. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** APRIL NELSON. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ROGER PETERSON. [APPLAUSE]

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MICHAEL SCHWARTZ. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BERTRAN NORMAN SORENSEN. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PATRICIA TORRES. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND OUR SHERIFF, WHO ALSO HAS A PH.D. FROM
10 THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WHO ALSO BELIEVES IN
11 THE VALUE OF EDUCATION AND FOR HELPING TO SPEARHEAD THIS
12 OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATIONAL
13 OPPORTUNITIES, WE'D LIKE TO GIVE TO SHERIFF BACA THE LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S UNIVERSITY PROCLAMATION
15 RECOGNITION. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY MAGGIE IS -- YATEGER IS ACCEPTING FOR
18 NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, RIGHT, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE].

19

20 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I WANT TO THANK ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
21 OF SUPERVISORS, AND IN PARTICULAR I WANT TO THANK YOU
22 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THE MEN AND WOMEN IN
23 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE ACQUIRED MASTER'S DEGREES. I
24 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT ALSO FOR ME TO POINT OUT THAT WHEN
25 CHRISTOPHER COMMISSION -- EXCUSE ME, WHEN THE COLTS COMMISSION



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1 WAS A PART OF AN INQUIRY IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
2 DEPARTMENT, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED
3 THAT WE HAVE A CIVILIAN TRAINING ADMINISTRATOR, AND I'D LIKE
4 TO INTRODUCE TO YOU A MAN WHO'S BEEN WORKING FOR SEVERAL YEARS
5 NOW IN THAT CAPACITY, FORMERLY OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
6 FOUNDATION WHERE HE LED THE EDUCATIONAL EFFORT OF THE
7 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION, MR. RICHARD WINETHROP. [
8 APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** AND WITH ME IS COMMANDER CASTRO AND CHIEF
11 MCSWEENEY. NOW WHAT'S IMPORTANT ABOUT THIS IS THAT THE L.A.
12 UNIVERSITY IS AN AFFILIATED PROGRAM WITH FIVE OTHER
13 UNIVERSITIES. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? IT MEANS THAT 900 MEMBERS
14 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, OF WHICH
15 INCLUDES MEMBERS FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND OTHER
16 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE GETTING BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREES
17 IN A MANNER THAT IS EFFICIENT TO THEIR WORK SCHEDULES AND IS
18 ALSO CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY'S OVERALL GOALS THAT HAVE BEEN
19 SET BY THIS BOARD. IN TOUGH TIMES OR IN GOOD TIMES, BUT
20 PARTICULARLY IN TOUGH TIMES, WHEN OUR EMPLOYEES PURSUE HIGHER
21 DEGREES OF ACHIEVEMENT IN THEIR EDUCATIONAL PURSUITS OF
22 LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNMENT, TRAINING, AND POLICY AND THE LIKE,
23 WHAT WE GET IS WE GET A STRONGER SERVICE RESULT BASED ON THE
24 FACT THAT OUR EMPLOYEES ARE HIGHLY MOTIVATED AND SELF-
25 MOTIVATED EMPLOYEES ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO THINK



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1 OUTSIDE THE BOX, DO THINGS CREATIVELY, AND HOLD THEMSELVES
2 ACCOUNTABLE BECAUSE THEY UNDERSTAND THE RESPONSIBILITY THEY
3 HAVE AS LEADERS. AND SO I WANT TO THANK ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS
4 FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THEM HERE TODAY. WE HAVE ABOUT 850 MORE TO
5 GO, I DON'T EXPECT TO BRING THEM IN HERE, BUT I JUST WANT TO
6 GIVE YOU AN INKLING OF WHAT'S GOING ON. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE
7]

8

9 **MAGGIE YATEGER:** ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL UNIVERSITY'S STAFF AND
10 FACULTY, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
11 RECOGNITION OF OUR WONDERFUL GRADUATES AS WELL AS THE
12 UNIVERSITY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] [MIXED VOICES]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'D LIKE TO CALL DR. SOUTHARD UP AS WELL
15 AS JUDITH BLANTON AND DAVID FREEDLAND, OF THE CALIFORNIA
16 PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION. WE UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE TO LEAVE
17 EARLY AND THIS IS A JOINT PRESENTATION THAT I HAVE ALONG WITH
18 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE CALIFORNIA PSYCHOLOGICAL
19 ASSOCIATION IS HERE TO PRESENT A MOST PRESTIGIOUS AWARD TO THE
20 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND I'D LIKE
21 TO ASK DRS. BLANTON AND FREEDLAND TO MAKE THEIR PRESENTATION.

22

23 **DR. DAVID FREEDLAND:** JUST A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON THE AWARD.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CAN WE HAVE ORDER?



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DR. DAVID FREEDLAND: THE PSYCHOLOGICALLY HEALTHY WORKPLACE AWARD IS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE WELL BEING IN THE WORKPLACE BY BRINGING TOGETHER BUSINESS LEADERS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS TO WORK ON PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT WORKERS AND HONOR EXEMPLARY CALIFORNIA COMPANIES. THE PROGRAM OFFERS PSYCHOLOGISTS AND BUSINESSES A UNIQUE CHANCE TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN WORKING RELATIONSHIPS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. MAINTAINING A PSYCHOLOGICALLY HEALTHY WORKPLACE IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO REDUCE TURNOVER, KEEP VALUABLE EMPLOYEES HEALTHY, HAPPY, AND PRODUCTIVE. MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT SHOWS AN UNDERSTANDING THAT EMPLOYEES' MENTAL HEALTH IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THEIR PHYSICAL HEALTH. THESE AWARDS ARE GIVEN EACH YEAR TO RECOGNIZE EFFORTS OF THOSE BUSINESSES THAT DEMONSTRATE CONCERN ABOUT THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL BEING OF THEIR EMPLOYEES. CRITERIA FOR THE AWARDS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION. THIS YEAR'S WINNERS INCLUDE JOHNSON AND JOHNSON FAMILY OF COMPANIES IN CALIFORNIA AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

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DR. JUDITH BLANTON: THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WAS AWARDED THE 2003 PSYCHOLOGICALLY HEALTHY WORKPLACE NONPROFIT AWARD TO RECOGNIZE ITS COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING WORLD CLASS MENTAL HEALTH CARE. THE DEPARTMENT DEMONSTRATES ITS COMMITMENT BY PROVIDING STRONG RESOURCES AND



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1 VALUABLE SUPPORTS FOR ITS EMPLOYEES. AS ONE EMPLOYEE STATED,
2 "I SEE MY SUPERVISOR LIKE ONE OF THOSE ICE BREAKER BOATS THAT
3 BREAKS OPEN THE ICE SO THAT THE OTHER BOATS CAN GO THROUGH AND
4 DO THEIR JOBS." THE DEPARTMENT'S SUPPORT OF ITS EMPLOYEES
5 BEGINS WITH AN EFFECTIVE E.A.P. AND COMPREHENSIVE SELF HEALTH
6 INSURANCE PROGRAM, FLEXIBLE WORK HOURS, TUITION REIMBURSEMENT,
7 FINANCIAL OPTIONS AND PROVIDING CHILD CARE AND SUPPORT FOR
8 ONGOING TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR EMPLOYEES. A UNIQUE AND
9 INNOVATIVE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S BENEFITS INCLUDES A
10 PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS INDIVIDUALS TO DONATE THEIR LEAVE TIME TO
11 OTHER EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE ALREADY USED UP THEIR LEAVE TIME BUT
12 WHO MAY HAVE PERSONAL CRISIS. FINALLY, THE DEPARTMENT HAS A
13 DYNAMIC PROGRAM IN CULTURAL COMPETENCE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES. ONE
14 OF THE EMPLOYEES, WHEN WE INTERVIEWED THEM, RAISED AN
15 IMPORTANT POINT, THAT MANY OF THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO WORK WITH
16 THE DEPARTMENT FIND A GREAT DEAL OF PERSONAL SATISFACTION,
17 ACCOMPLISHMENT, AND MEANING IN HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE
18 THE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS THAT ARE THE DEPARTMENT'S CLIENTS,
19 AND THIS IS ONE OF THE ELEMENTS THAT CONTRIBUTES TO MAKING THE
20 DEPARTMENT A HEALTHY WORKPLACE. SO WE ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT
21 THIS AWARD TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
22 HEALTH. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **DAVID FREEDLAND:** I'D LIKE TO THANK THE CALIFORNIA
25 PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION FOR THIS AWARD AND RECOGNIZING THE



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1 HARD WORK OF MY EMPLOYEES. OBVIOUSLY MANY OF THE BENEFITS
2 DESCRIBED ARE BENEFITS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE
3 C.A.O. HAVE MADE AVAILABLE TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES IN GENERAL. I'D
4 LIKE TO SPECIFICALLY THANK, HOWEVER, THE STAFF ADVISORY
5 COMMITTEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, PSYCHOLOGISTS,
6 YOU'LL BE PLEASED TO NOTE, HAVE TAKEN A LEAD IN THIS STAFF
7 ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND MANY OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE TRIED
8 TO DO TO MAKE OUR WORKPLACE HEALTHIER AND MORE PRODUCTIVE HAVE
9 COME FROM IDEAS THAT WERE GENERATED BY THAT STAFF ADVISORY
10 COMMITTEE. SO I THINK SOME OF THE PRINCIPLES OF PSYCHOLOGY
11 HAVE HELPED US DO THE THINGS THAT HAVE EARNED THIS AWARD, SO
12 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND, OF COURSE, WE'RE VERY PROUD THAT OUR
15 DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN HONORED BY THE PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH
16 WORKPLACE NONPROFIT AWARD, AND PARTICULARLY WE REALIZE THAT
17 THIS IS A WORLD CLASS MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM, AND ONE OF THE
18 BEST WAYS ANY ORGANIZATION DEVOTED TO MENTAL HEALTH COULD
19 DEMONSTRATE THIS IS BY PROVIDING STRONG RESOURCES AND VALUABLE
20 SUPPORT TO ITS OWN EMPLOYEES. THAT SUPPORT BEGINS WITH AN
21 EFFECTIVE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH
22 INSURANCE PROGRAMS FOR MEDICAL, DENTAL DISABILITY AND
23 PSYCHOLOGICAL CARE. IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR FLEXIBLE WORK HOURS,
24 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT, FINANCIAL OPTIONS, AND PROVIDING CHILD
25 CARE AND SUPPORT FOR ONGOING TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT. THE



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1 DEPARTMENT ALSO ALLOWS THE INDIVIDUALS TO DONATE THEIR LEAVE
2 TIME TO OTHER EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE ALREADY USED UP THEIR LEAVE
3 TIME BUT WHO MAY HAVE PERSONAL CRISES. IT ALSO IMPLEMENTS
4 PROGRAMS IN CULTURAL COMPETENCE AND DIVERSITY, AND SO I'D LIKE
5 TO ASK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH TO JOIN IN THIS AWARD AND
6 RECOGNITION OF OUR DEPARTMENT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, MARV HAS DONE A GREAT JOB. WE JUST
9 STARTED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1401 BY ASSEMBLY
10 WOMAN HELEN THOMPSON AND WE'RE MOVING FORWARD, AND IT'S THAT
11 TYPE OF CAN-DO APPROACH THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ABLE TO
12 FOSTER FOR THE COUNTY AND WE APPRECIATE THE LEADERSHIP OF ALL
13 OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT -- MENTAL HEALTH
14 DEPARTMENT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP MAYOR WALTER
17 ALLEN FROM THE WONDERFUL CITY OF COVINA TO COMMEND HIM ON A
18 RECENT PROMOTION TO ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE CALIFORNIA BUREAU
19 OF NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT FOR THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
20 OFFICE. THIS IS THE DEPARTMENT THAT COMBATS GANGS, DRUG
21 TRAFFICKING, AND ORGANIZED CRIME AT A LEVEL JUST BELOW THE
22 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. WALT WORKED HIS WAY UP FROM
23 POLICE OFFICER IN 1982 TO THEN JOINING THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 JUSTICE AS A NARCOTICS AGENT IN 1986. HE WILL BE IN CHARGE OF
25 APPROXIMATELY 1,000 AGENTS AND STAFF WORKING IN NINE REGIONS



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1 ACROSS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AND HE ALSO HAS DONE A
2 WONDERFUL JOB AS THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF
3 COVINA AND WE APPRECIATE HIS LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT AND
4 PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP. SO WALTER, CONGRATULATIONS, AND WE WISH
5 YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **MAYOR WALTER ALLEN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT
8 I'M VERY HONORED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE BOARD
9 PROVIDING ME WITH THIS TOKEN OF APPRECIATION. I'M HERE TO
10 SERVE AND PROTECT NOT ONLY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUT
11 IN THE CITY OF COVINA AND I WILL CONTINUE SERVING THE COUNTY
12 OF LOS ANGELES TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY. I APPRECIATE YOUR
13 HELP. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW, THIS IS THE MONTH OF MAY, WHICH IS
16 MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH, AND WE HAVE A PROCLAMATION WITH
17 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AMERICAN BIKERS AIMED TOWARD
18 EDUCATION OF CALIFORNIANS, AND WITH US TODAY IS PRESIDENT
19 LARRY BUFFET, THE VICE PRESIDENT ANDREW BLACK AND TREASURER,
20 ELOISE BLACK. MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS IS INTENDED TO HEIGHTEN
21 AWARENESS OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR ALL MOTORISTS ON OUR HIGHWAYS
22 BY RECOGNIZING NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL SAFETY EVENTS FOR
23 MOTORCYCLE RIDERS. THIS IS A OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THAT WE
24 HAVE GREATER SAFETY ON THE HIGHWAYS BY PROVIDING EDUCATION
25 FROM THE BEGINNING DRIVERS TO THE OLDER DRIVERS TO AWARE THAT



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1 WHEN THEY'RE ON THE HIGHWAYS, TO LOOK ALL AROUND TO ENSURE
2 THAT WE HAVE SAFETY FOR EVERYONE, WHETHER THEY RIDE A
3 MOTORCYCLE OR DRIVE A VEHICLE. SO AT THIS TIME, LET ME GET
4 THIS PROCLAMATION TO YOU.

5

6 **LARRY BUFFET:** GOOD MORNING. WE ARE HERE REPRESENTING ABATIVE
7 CALIFORNIA, ABATE SAFETY AND AWARENESS PROGRAM. BOTH OF THESE
8 ORGANIZATIONS ARE DEDICATED TO MOTORCYCLE SAFETY.
9 MOTORCYCLISTS IN L.A. COUNTY REPRESENT A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF
10 OUR COMMUNITY. WE ARE ACTIVE MILITARY VETERANS AND CLERGY, WE
11 ARE LABORERS, BUSINESS OWNERS, AND PROFESSIONALS, WE ARE
12 FATHERS, MOTHERS, AND CHILDREN. NEARLY 80% OF ALL MOTORCYCLE
13 MISHAPS INVOLVE ANOTHER VEHICLE. EIGHT OUT OF 10 OF THESE
14 ACCIDENTS ARE CAUSED BY THE OTHER VEHICLE. HALF OF THE SINGLE
15 VEHICLE MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS ARE CAUSING -- ARE CAUSED BY
16 ANOTHER VEHICLE VIOLATING THE MOTORCYCLIST'S RIGHT-OF-WAY,
17 CAUSING THE RIDER TO BRAKE HARD AND/OR SWERVE OUT OF CONTROL.
18 MANY DRIVERS NEVER NOTICE THE CALAMITY THAT THEY HAVE CAUSED.
19 WE NEED YOUR HELP TO CHANGE THESE STATISTICS. PLEASE DRIVE
20 AWARE. WHAT IS THE DRIVER'S MAIN EXPLANATION FOR CAUSING THE
21 ACCIDENT? DRIVER OR "OFFICER, I DIDN'T SEE THEM." ABATIVE
22 CALIFORNIA AND ABATE SAFETY AND AWARENESS PROGRAM WOULD LIKE
23 TO THANK THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PROCLAIMING
24 MAY AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING WE'D LIKE TO HAVE MARCIA MAYEDA
2 WHO IS OUR DIRECTOR OF L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE
3 AND CONTROL TO JOIN ME IN DECLARING THIS WEEK, MAY 4TH THROUGH
4 THE 10TH AS "BE KIND TO ANIMALS" WEEK. WE ALL KNOW THE VALUE
5 OF TEACHING KINDNESS AND CONSIDERATION AND RESPECT FOR ALL
6 LIVING HUMANS AND ANIMALS, AND MARCIA'S DONE A WONDERFUL JOB
7 WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND WE APPRECIATE HER LEADERSHIP AND THE
8 OPPORTUNITY TO HELP AS WE PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE
9 WITHIN THE COUNTY TO ADOPT ANIMALS FROM OUR ANIMAL SHELTERS.
10 SO MARCIA? AND WITH HER TODAY IS A LITTLE BOY, HIS NAME IS
11 SMOKEY, AND HE'S EIGHT WEEKS OLD AND HE'S A SPANIEL MIX, SO
12 I'M GOING TO GIVE MARCIA THE PROCLAMATION AND I'LL TAKE SMOKEY
13 AND SHOW HIM OFF. SO THIS IS SMOKEY, WHO'S LOOKING FOR A HOME.
14 [APPLAUSE]

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO SMOKEY, IF YOU'RE AT HOME WATCHING ON
17 TELEVISION, YOU CAN CALL AREA CODE 562-728-4644, OR ANYBODY IN
18 THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT SMOKEY. AS I SAID, HE'S
19 EIGHT WEEKS OLD, HIS PLUMBING'S BEEN ALTERED, SO YOU HAVE NO
20 PROBLEMS THERE, AND YOU'LL HAVE A NICE LITTLE PET.

21

22 **ALL:** AHFFF!

23

24 **MARCIA MAYEDA:** SURE. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING THIS AS "BE KIND TO ANIMALS" WEEK.



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1 HOW WE TREAT ANIMALS IN OUR COMMUNITY IS A REFLECTION ON HOW
2 WE TREAT EACH OTHER, AND THERE'S BEEN VERY STRONG EVIDENCE TO
3 LINK ANIMAL ABUSE WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD ABUSE, AND
4 OUR DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTING ANIMALS IN ALL
5 THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY PLUS 50 CONTRACT CITIES. WE TAKE
6 THAT VERY SERIOUSLY. WE'VE RESCUED OVER 700 ANIMALS FROM
7 INHUMANE CONDITIONS IN THE LAST YEAR, AND WE'D LIKE TO
8 ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY TO CONTINUE TO BE KIND TO ANIMALS AND
9 REPORT ANY INCIDENCE OF ANIMAL ABUSE THAT YOU MIGHT SEE. THANK
10 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **MARCIA MAYEDA:** WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PRESENT THIS PICTURE, A
13 COLLECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS, TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IN HONOR
14 OF THE 400TH PET THAT'S BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION. THIS
15 PROGRAM'S BEEN GOING ON FOR MANY YEARS NOW AND IT HAS OF
16 COURSE ADOPTED OUT OVER 400 ANIMALS, 'CAUSE WE KNOW HE'LL FIND
17 A HOME, BUT ALSO MANY TIMES MORE THAN THAT BECAUSE THE PUBLIC
18 RECOGNITION OF THIS PROGRAM HAS INCREASED THE VISIBILITY OF
19 OUR DEPARTMENT SO OFTEN AND WE KNOW MANY TIMES MORE THAN THAT
20 HAVE FOUND HOMES AND HAS REALLY INCREASED PEOPLE'S AWARENESS
21 OF THE SHELTER SO WE CAN PROVIDE MORE EDUCATION ON RESPONSIBLE
22 PET OWNERSHIP. SO WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR FOR HIS
23 SUPPORT FOR THIS DEPARTMENT AND FOR THE ADOPTIONS OF ALL THESE
24 WONDERFUL PETS. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. I'VE ASKED A GROUP OF YOUNG LADIES TO
4 COME UP AND JOIN ME. IF THEY WOULD ALL COME UP. THEY'RE HERE
5 TO VISIT WITH ME. THESE YOUNG WOMEN ARE THE ROOSEVELT PARK
6 SPARKS CHEERLEADING TEAM. THEY'RE PRETTY SPECIAL. THEIR COACH
7 IS CHARLOTTE PERKINS, WHO IS HERE WITH THEM. THEY HAVE TEAM
8 MOMS THAT ARE TINA LEWIS, ELEANOR RODRIGUEZ, ELIA MAHIA, AND
9 WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THEM. THE RECREATION SERVICES SUPERVISOR,
10 SOPHIA GAVIA, HAS BEEN A PART OF MAKING SURE THAT THEY HAVE A
11 HOME AND A PLACE TO PRACTICE AND WORK OUT AND DO ALL THAT THEY
12 DO. IT HAS LED THEM TO 17 FIRST PLACE WINS IN PRELIMINARY
13 COMPETITION. THAT'S IMPRESSIVE. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** CURRENTLY THEY ARE STATE AND WEST COAST CHAMPS IN
16 ELEMENTARY AND THE JUNIOR CHEER. THEY RANGE IN AGES FROM THREE
17 TO 15. WE'RE VERY, VERY PROUD OF THEM, AND I WANT YOU TO GIVE
18 THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THE OUTSTANDING WORK THAT THEY
19 DO. CONGRATULATIONS. DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? OKAY. WE,
20 AGAIN, WANT TO THANK THEM AND I'M GOING TO BE MEETING WITH
21 THEM IN THE BACK, I HAVE A -- I WANTED TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
22 TO CONGRATULATE THEM PERSONALLY, BUT I WANTED YOU ALL TO MEET
23 THEM. THANKS AGAIN, GIRLS. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS NEXT PRESENTATION, I'M GOING TO BE JOINED BY
2 SUPERVISOR BURKE. IT'S A SPECIAL PRESENTATION, AND WE'RE GOING
3 TO ASK DAVID JANSSEN TO JOIN US. IF ANY OF YOU HAVE SAT
4 THROUGH OUR MEETINGS AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR WATCH US
5 ON T.V. ON A REGULAR BASIS, YOU KNOW THAT DAVID JANSSEN IS
6 USUALLY IN THE HOT SEAT WITH US ON MANY ISSUES OR ASKING
7 VARIOUS QUESTIONS AND, OF COURSE, TRYING TO GET MORE
8 INFORMATION IN ORDER FOR US TO MAKE THE DECISIONS THAT WE MAKE
9 HERE. BUT TODAY WE WANT TO MAKE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION AND AN
10 HONOR BECAUSE IT'S OUR PLEASURE TO CONGRATULATE DAVID JANSSEN
11 FOR BEING CHOSEN OF ONE OF FIVE RECIPIENTS FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS
12 NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD FOR THE YEAR 2003. HE WAS
13 SELECTED BY THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, THE
14 NATIONAL ACADEMY OF PUBLIC -- AND THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF
15 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. THIS DISTINCTION, A VERY HIGH
16 DISTINCTION, IS BESTOWED ONLY UPON THOSE CAREER MANAGERS WHO
17 MAKE OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE CONTRIBUTION OVER A SUSTAINED
18 PERIOD OF TIME. MANY OF YOU ARE AWARE THAT BEFORE DAVID JOINED
19 US, HE'S BEEN PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR FOR
20 WELL OVER 30 YEARS. HE USED TO WORK IN SAN DIEGO, THEN AS THE
21 ASSISTANT TO THE THEN C.A.O. OF SAN DIEGO. HE HAS SERVED AS
22 THE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES,
23 THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND SERVICES AGENCY AND
24 A PROGRAM ANALYST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE IN SACRAMENTO
25 AS WELL. HE ALSO HAS VARIOUS NOTEWORTHY ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS.



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1 HE'S COMPLETED HIS EXTENSIVE EDUCATION AT U.C.-DAVIS, WHERE HE
2 EARNED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE, HIS MASTER'S, AND HIS DOCTORATE
3 DEGREES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. IN EVERY POST HE'S HAD HE'S
4 ESTABLISHED A REPUTATION FOR FISCAL PRUDENCE, INTEGRITY AND A
5 COLLABORATIVE SPIRIT AND MORE IMPORTANTLY A VISION FOR US ALL.
6 HIS TALENTS HAVE SERVED L.A. COUNTY WELL. UPON JOINING US IN
7 1996, DAVID IMPROVED OUR BOND RATINGS AND CLOSED THE 90
8 BILLION -- 90 MILLION, EXCUSE ME, HE DOES MEET CHALLENGES, BUT
9 THAT ONE, I DON'T THINK HE CAN DO, THE 90 MILLION BUDGET GAP.
10 IN ADDITION, HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSEMBLING THE COUNTY'S
11 STRATEGIC PLAN IN PROVIDING SEAMLESS COORDINATED SERVICES FOR
12 OUR DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. IT'S REALLY NO
13 SURPRISE TO MANY OF US THAT DAVID SHOULD GET THIS HIGH HONOR.
14 WE WANTED TO MAKE THIS SPECIAL PRESENTATION BECAUSE IT'S MOST
15 DESERVING. I AM CERTAINLY PROUD TO BE PART OF THE TEAM WITH
16 DAVID JANSSEN AS WELL AS I THINK ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES ARE, BUT
17 BEFORE WE MAKE THE PRESENTATION, I'D LIKE TO HAVE YVONNE BURKE
18 SAY A FEW WORDS.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL I JUST WANT TO JOIN IN WITH SUPERVISOR
21 MOLINA IN SAYING HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU'VE
22 BEEN RECOGNIZED, IT'S SO IMPORTANT. WE KNOW THE JOB YOU DO,
23 WE'RE GLAD THE NATION KNOWS IT, AND WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU'RE
24 BEING RECOGNIZED BY YOUR PEERS AND BY THIS VERY PRESTIGIOUS



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1 ORGANIZATION, THE ACADEMY, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, YOU
2 DESERVE IT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] .

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN HONORING DAVID JANSSEN. [
5 APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** A COUPLE OF WORDS THERE.

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9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** A COUPLE OF WORDS. THANK -- THANK YOU VERY
10 MUCH, SUPERVISOR. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE RECOGNITION. I
11 ACTUALLY THOUGHT THAT THE -- THAT I WAS GOING TO GET MY
12 PROCLAMATION WHEN I WAS LEAVING, SO I HOPE THIS ISN'T A SUBTLE
13 MESSAGE. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE RECOGNITION, NATIONAL RECOGNITION, WAS
16 QUITE A SURPRISE AND QUITE AN HONOR. FOR 30 YEARS, I'VE DONE
17 WHAT I LOVE, WHICH IS WORKING FOR THE PUBLIC. THROUGHOUT MY
18 CAREER, I'VE HAD MANY MENTORS, WHICH I THINK WE ALL NEED
19 THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES, WONDERFUL COLLEAGUES, GREAT STAFF, AND
20 THAT REALLY IS WHAT MAKES A PERSON SUCCESSFUL ARE THE PEOPLE
21 THAT ARE AROUND YOU. AND FINALLY, THE TREMENDOUS HONOR OF
22 WORKING WITH THIS BOARD TRYING TO MANAGE THE LARGEST COUNTY IN
23 THE NATION, INCREDIBLE CHALLENGES, BUT IT IS A TREMENDOUS
24 HONOR, AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT HONOR AND FOR THE
25 PROCLAMATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A PICTURE WITH ALL FIVE
3 SUPERVISORS BECAUSE ALL OF US ARE INDEED PROUD OF THIS
4 ACCOMPLISHMENT ON BEHALF OF DAVID JANSSEN AND OUR COUNTY. [
5 MIXED VOICES]

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** NEXT I'M GOING TO ASK SHARON YONASHIRA TO JOIN
8 ME. WHERE IS SHARON? BEHIND ME? OH, SHE'S BEHIND ME. COME ON
9 UP. SHARON IS ALSO ONE OF THE PEOPLE THAT MAKE DAVID LOOK
10 VERY, VERY GOOD ALL OF THE TIME. SHE'S BEEN WORKING IN THE
11 C.A.O.'S OFFICE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, BUT UNFORTUNATELY TODAY
12 IS SORT OF BITTERSWEET BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO CONGRATULATE
13 HER BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, SAY GOOD-BYE. SHE HAS BEEN WORKING
14 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR WELL OVER 36 YEARS. HARD TO BELIEVE,
15 SHARON. SHE OFFICIALLY RETIRED ON MARCH 31ST OF THIS YEAR. SHE
16 BEGAN HER CAREER HERE IN 1967. SHE SERVED WITH DISTINCTION IN
17 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, THE OFFICE OF THE
18 TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR, BUT MOST OF US HAVE BEEN BECOME
19 FAMILIAR WITH SHARON BECAUSE WE'VE HAD INTERFACING WITH HER
20 AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, WHETHER IT BE IN
21 BUDGETING, PUBLIC FINANCE, OR ASSET MANAGEMENT. SHE HAS
22 PROVIDED LEADERSHIP AND ASSISTANCE TO US ON ALL OF THOSE
23 ISSUES. SHE HAS WORKED ON A VAST ARRAY OF ASSET MANAGEMENT
24 PROJECTS, ON BEHALF OF THE C.A.O., AND IS FINALLY GETTING THEM
25 IN ORDER AND GETTING THEM ORGANIZED AND HOPEFULLY SHE'S GOING



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1 TO LEAVE BEHIND A GOOD NETWORK THAT WE CAN ALL TRUST IN THE
2 ASSET MANAGEMENT AREA. SOME OF HER MORE FAMILIAR VENTURES
3 INCLUDE THE DISNEY HALL PARKING GARAGE, THE HALL OF JUSTICE
4 RENOVATION, THE GRAND AVENUE REALIGNMENT PROJECT, WHICH WE ALL
5 ARE AWARE ARE UNDER WAY IF YOU EVER CAME INTO THIS BUILDING
6 TODAY. SHARON HAS ALSO WORKED IN A MYRIAD OF DEVELOPMENTS
7 ACROSS THE COUNTY, THOSE PROJECTS IN MY DISTRICT ALONE INCLUDE
8 THE EAST L.A. CIVIC CENTER, L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL
9 REPLACEMENT FACILITY, THE MORE RECENT PLAZA DEL COUTURE ART
10 COMPLEX, THE UNION PACIFIC REVITALIZATION AND THE COUNTY
11 COMPLEX ON FLAIR DRIVE IN EL MONTE. SHE HAS ALWAYS HANDLED HER
12 POSITION WITH THE UTMOST OF INTEGRITY, PROFESSIONALISM, SHE IS
13 VERY DILIGENT, UNBELIEVABLY RESOURCEFUL, SHE IS VERY GENEROUS
14 WITH HER ADVICE AND COUNSEL TO EACH OF US AND HAS A TREMENDOUS
15 COOPERATIVE SPIRIT, WHICH WE APPRECIATE. IT IS AGAIN SORT OF A
16 BITTERSWEET GOOD-BYE. SHE DOES GET HER COMMENDATION, I HOPE
17 YOU'VE RECEIVED OTHERS ALONG THE WAY. I'M SURE SHE HAS. BUT WE
18 OUTLINED AND ENUMERATED ALL OF THE WONDERFUL THINGS AND THE
19 CONTRIBUTIONS THAT SHE'S PROVIDED TO ALL OF US. I'M
20 PARTICULARLY PROUD THAT SHE'S JOINED US HERE THIS MORNING AND
21 -- BUT WE WANTED TO PAY SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO HER. SHE IS JOINED
22 BY HER HUSBAND. WE THANK YOU SO MUCH. I HOPE YOU ENJOY THE
23 RETIREMENT. WE'RE HOPING TO BRING HER BACK FROM TIME TO TIME
24 BECAUSE SHE'S HOLDING ALL THOSE ANSWERS IN HER HEAD SOMEWHERE
25 AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET ADVICE BECAUSE SHE KNOWS SO



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1 MUCH OF WHAT'S GOING ON. BUT SHARON, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.
2 ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY STAFF, WE REALLY THANK YOU WITH
3 YOUR GENEROSITY OF TIME AND COUNSEL. WE APPRECIATE VERY MUCH
4 YOUR LEADERSHIP TO US AND TO THE REST OF THE COUNTY.
5 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO SAY IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE FOR MY
8 OFFICE TO WORK WITH SHARON OVER THE YEARS, AND WE APPRECIATED
9 HER ABILITY TO GO OUT TO THE DISTRICT, BE IT THE ANTELOPE
10 VALLEY, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, OR THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, THE
11 EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, POMONA VALLEY, TO DISCUSS ISSUES WITH
12 THE CONSTITUENTS THAT WE WERE INVOLVED WITH, SO WE APPRECIATE
13 IT, HER TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO GO OUT, APPEAR AT PUBLIC
14 HEARINGS OR TOWN HALL MEETINGS, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN CONGRATULATING
17 SHARON FOR A LOT OF HARD WORK, AND SHE IS THE EXPERT, AND I
18 HOPE SOME OF THAT EXPERTISE IS STILL THERE, SHE'S PASSED IT
19 ON. BUT WE KNOW THE JOB YOU'VE DONE, I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO
20 WORK WITH YOU BEFORE I CAME HERE, AND I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE
21 YOUR HARD WORK AND ALL THE THINGS YOU'VE DONE FOR L.A. COUNTY.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD JUST ADD TOO THAT IT'S BEEN A
24 PLEASURE WORKING WITH SHARON. SHE'S-- HER PLATE'S ALWAYS -- IT
25 WAS ALWAYS FULL AND OBVIOUSLY WE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT THE



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1 PROJECTS IN OUR DISTRICT WERE THE MOST IMPORTANT AND YOU ALL
2 THOUGHT THE SAME AND SHE HAD TO BALANCE ALL THOSE BALLS TO
3 KEEP THEM IN THE AIR, AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE HER STRONG
4 EFFORT TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN. SO THANK YOU, SHARON. BEST
5 WISHES.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST ADD MY THANKS TO SHARON
8 FOR HER SERVICE. WE'VE -- MY STAFF AND I HAVE ENJOYED WORKING
9 WITH HER, WITH YOU, SHARON, AND THE REPARTEE SOMETIMES, BUT
10 YOU'RE ONE SMART BUREAUCRAT, AND WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOUR
11 EXPERTISE AND YOUR PROFESSIONALISM, SO WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** BEFORE I CALL UP ON SHARON TO JOIN US, I'M GOING
14 TO ASK THE C.A.O. TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I'D LIKE JUST TO ADD MY
17 THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO SHARON. SUPERVISOR MOLINA
18 HIT IT RIGHT ON THE HEAD. SHARON IS THE KIND OF PERSON WHO
19 MAKES US LOOK GOOD. SHE IS ABSOLUTELY THE EPITOME OF WHAT A
20 PUBLIC SERVANT OUGHT TO BE, DEDICATED, UNSELFISH, UNTIRING
21 SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND SHE IS
22 IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLACE, AND I AM REALLY VERY SORRY TO SEE HER
23 GO, BUT WISH HER AND DAVID THE HAPPIEST RETIREMENT. [APPLAUSE
24]

25



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1 **SHARON:** I'M NOT GOOD AT THIS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, AND ALL THE
2 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I CANNOT TELL YOU WHAT AN HONOR AND A
3 PLEASURE IT HAS BEEN ALWAYS TO WORK FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT
4 IS AN ORGANIZATION WITHOUT PARA -- WITHOUT -- BEYOND --
5 WITHOUT PARALLEL FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO DO JUST ABOUT ANYTHING
6 YOUR IMAGINATION CAN DREAM UP AS A CAREER. IT HAS BEEN A
7 WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE. I MISS EVERYBODY HERE. THE PEOPLE ARE
8 WONDERFUL. THEY'RE TALENTED, THEY'RE CREATIVE, THEY'RE
9 ENERGETIC, AND IT'S BEEN WONDERFUL. I MISS EVERYBODY, BUT I'M
10 ENJOYING MY NEW LIFE, TOO. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR GIVING ME
11 THIS OPPORTUNITY AND THIS RECOGNITION. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE.

12 [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE ALL THE MEMBERS TO JOIN ME FOR A
15 PHOTOGRAPH, PLEASE. [MIXED VOICES].

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY, THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THE PEOPLE HERE, MILTON BRIDGEWATER OF
20 EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT? ARE THEY PRESENT? IF SO,
21 WE'D LIKE TO ASK THEM TO COME FORWARD, BUT WHILE THEY'RE
22 COMING FORWARD, I'D LIKE TO CALL ANNIE TOURNETET AND ALLEN
23 ADEN, IDEN, ALLEN IDEN? ANNIE? TOURNETET. THEY'RE HERE. OH,
24 THEY'RE MAKING THEIR WAY UP. HERE THEY COME. YES. ANNIE
25 TOURNETET. DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, MANY ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN



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1 PLANNED THROUGH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOCUSING ON WOMEN
2 HEALTH'S ISSUES. FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS, THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS HAS ASSUMED AN ACTIVE LEADERSHIP ROLE IN WOMEN'S
4 HEALTH MONTH. EVENTS DURING THE MONTH WILL INCLUDE THE TENTH
5 ANNUAL REVLON RUN/WALK FOR WOMEN ON SATURDAY, MAY 10TH, AT THE
6 COLISEUM TO SUPPORT WOMEN'S CANCER RESEARCH AND PROGRAMS,
7 INCLUDING BREAST, OVARIAN, AND COLON CANCER, AND ON BEHALF OF
8 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I THEREFORE PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF
9 MAY 2003 AS WOMEN'S HEALTH MONTH AND ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY
10 EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN AND SUPPORT WOMEN'S HEALTH
11 ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE 2003 REVLON RUN/WALK FOR WOMEN, AND
12 I ALSO INSTRUCT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO WORK WITH THE OFFICE
13 OF WOMEN'S HEALTH TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PRINT WOMEN'S HEALTH
14 MONTH AND REVLON RUN/WALK FOR WOMEN INFORMATION ON THE APRIL
15 30TH, 2003 PAYCHECKS FOR THE COUNTY OF EMPLOYEES, AND IT'S
16 WITH A PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL COMMEMORATING THE
17 PROCLAMATION OF MAY 2003 AS WOMEN'S HEALTH MONTH IN THE COUNTY
18 OF LOS ANGELES TO ANNIE TOURNETET AND TO THE ASSOCIATE
19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PATIENT CARE AT WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S
20 HOSPITAL. AND THIS IS RECOGNITION OF THEIR EXEMPLARY CARE AND
21 THE EXEMPLARY WORK THEY HAVE DONE FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH. [
22 APPLAUSE]
23
24 **ANNIE:** ON BEHALF OF OUR STAFF AT WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S
25 HOSPITAL, OUR ADMINISTRATOR, BARBARA OLIVER, OUR CHIEF NURSING



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1 OFFICER, IRENE RESENDEZ, WE THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
2 THIS RECOGNITION. THIS RECOGNITION IS REALLY FOR OUR NURSING
3 STAFF, OUR MEDICAL STAFF, AND THE ANCILLARY SERVICES WHO, ON A
4 DAY-TO-DAY BASIS, FACILITATE THE CARE OF OUR WOMEN PATIENTS.
5 WE ALSO THANK THE OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH. THEY PARTNERED
6 WITH US TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR WOMEN PATIENTS GET THE CARE THAT
7 THEY NEED. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WE HAVE THE ACTING DIRECTOR. ELLEN,
10 WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME FORWARD AND SAY A WORD? OF OUR WOMEN'S
11 HEALTH OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH WE FOUGHT SO HARD FOR, AND
12 SHE'S DOING A GREAT JOB.

13

14 **ELLEN:** ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH AND THE
15 WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, WE ARE VERY, VERY, VERY
16 APPRECIATIVE OF THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR ALL THE APPRECIATION.
17 THEY DO INCREDIBLE WORK. THEY SEE ALL OF THE DIFFERENT,
18 WHETHER IT'S GYNECOLOGICAL CANCERS, WHETHER IT'S OBSTETRICAL,
19 HIGH-RISK PATIENTS, ANY WOMAN THAT IS UNDERSERVED IS SEEN AND
20 TAKEN CARE OF COMPREHENSIVELY AT WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S AND WE
21 THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SERVICE YOU'VE DONE, THANK YOU. [
22 APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CAN WE GET A GROUP PICTURE?

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE ANOTHER PRESENTATION FOR MENTAL
2 HEALTH MONTH, AND I'M ASK DR. SOUTHARD AND MARTHA GUERRERO AND
3 EILEEN RABINS TO COME FORWARD. WE ALSO WANT TO ANNOUNCE THAT
4 THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR MENTALLY ILL HAS JUST AWARDED DR.
5 SOUTHARD THIS YEAR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY MENTAL
6 HEALTH SERVICES, AND SO HE'S GETTING A LOT OF AWARDS THESE
7 DAYS AND WE -- OUR DEPARTMENT FOR THE KIND OF WORK THEY DO.
8 AND MR. ANTONOVICH, I BELIEVE YOU'RE COMING FORWARD TO HELP
9 WITH THIS AWARD.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, WELL WE ARE GOING TO, ONCE AGAIN,
12 RECOGNIZE MARV AND THE MEMBERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
13 HEALTH. MENTAL HEALTH IS EVERYONE'S CONCERN AS NURSING AND
14 CARING FOR EMOTIONAL HEALTH IS AS NECESSARY AND IMPORTANT FOR
15 EVERYONE AS MAINTAINING PHYSICAL HEALTH. SINCE WE ALL WANT TO
16 MAINTAIN OUR GOOD HEALTH FOR AS LONG AS WE CAN WE NEED TO BE
17 EQUALLY WILLING TO DO THINGS THAT ARE PRODUCING FOR OUR MINDS,
18 HEALTH-PRODUCING FOR OUR MINDS AND BODIES, SO I'M PLEASED TO
19 JOIN WITH SUPERVISOR BURKE IN THIS JOINT PRESENTATION.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WE KNOW THAT PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH
22 SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES NOT ONLY WORKS ALONE, IT WORKS IN TANDEM
23 WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE WHICH COMPLICATES TREATMENT AND THE
24 IMPORTANCE OF COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT ARE
25 CONSUMER-CENTERED, FAMILY FOCUSED, AND INTEGRATED SERVICES



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1 THROUGH MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAMS IN THE COMMUNITY ARE SO
2 NECESSARY. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I
3 PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY 2003 AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN LOS
4 ANGELES COUNTY, AND DURING THIS MONTH, THE COUNTY MENTAL
5 HEALTH COMMISSION, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WILL JOIN
6 WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN FOCUSED EFFORTS TO RAISE
7 AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ILLNESS. AND
8 DR. SOUTHARD, AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO PRESENT THIS TO EILEEN
9 RABINS WHO'S THE CHAIR PERSON. WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME FORWARD?

10

11 **EILEEN:** THANK YOU. ON BEHALF OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
12 AND ALL OF THE MENTAL HEALTH CLIENTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE
13 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS RECOGNITION. IT MEANS A LOT TO US
14 AND A LOT TO OUR CLIENTS. ALSO, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS
15 OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO A VERY
16 SPECIAL EVENT THAT'S GOING TO BE CAPPING MENTAL HEALTH MONTH
17 THIS YEAR. IT'S GOING TO BE A SPECIAL LUNCHEON ON THE 29TH OF
18 MAY AT U.C.L.A. TO HONOR THE OUTSTANDING AGENCIES AND CLIENTS
19 IN THE COUNTY. AND WE'RE HAVING AS OUR MISTRESS OF CEREMONY,
20 TYNE DALY, AND WE WOULD LOVE IT IF YOU WOULD JOIN US FOR THIS
21 VERY FESTIVE EVENT. THANK YOU AGAIN. [APPLAUSE]

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23 **DR. SOUTHARD:** IN HONOR OF MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH, I'D LIKE
24 TO SHARE A QUOTATION WITH ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO INSPIRE US IN
25 THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM. THIS IS A QUOTATION FROM CESAR



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1 CHAVEZ. "WHEN WE ARE REALLY HONEST WITH OURSELVES, WE MUST
2 ADMIT THAT OUR LIVES ARE ALL THAT REALLY BELONG TO US. SO HOW
3 WE USE OUR LIVES DETERMINE WHAT KIND OF PERSON WE ARE. IT IS
4 MY DEEPEST BELIEF THAT ONLY BY GIVING OUR LIVES DO WE FIND
5 LIFE. I AM CONVINCED THE TRUEST ACT OF COURAGE IS TO SACRIFICE
6 OURSELVES FOR OTHERS IN THE STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE, AND I THINK
7 WE'VE BEEN TRYING WITH ALL OF OUR PARTNERS IN LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY TO BUILD A MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM THAT STRUGGLES FOR
9 JUSTICE FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS AND FOR THEIR
10 FAMILIES. SO LET'S CONTINUE THIS STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE IN MAY
11 IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL MICHAEL JUDGE,
14 COMMISSIONER JOSE RODRIGUEZ AND DRUG COURT GRADUATES FORWARD.
15 [APPLAUSE]

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE DRUG COURT PROGRAM IS TRULY AN
18 IMPORTANT PART OF THE WAR ON DRUGS, ESPECIALLY AS IT'S NOT A
19 WAR ON THOSE OF OUR PEOPLE WHO HAVE BECOME DEPENDENT ON DRUGS;
20 INSTEAD, IT OFFERS NONVIOLENT DRUG OFFENDERS AN OPPORTUNITY
21 FOR EFFECTIVE TREATMENT INSTEAD OF SIMPLY BEING INCARCERATED.
22 THE DRUG COURT PROGRAM TREATS THE UNDERLYING CAUSE OF
23 ADDICTION THROUGH A COLLABORATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
24 TREATMENT PROVIDERS. THE PARTICIPANT IS INTRODUCED TO AN
25 ONGOING PROCESS OF RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION BASED ON



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1 ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND TOTAL ABSTINENCE FROM ILLEGAL
2 DRUGS AND ALCOHOL, AND THE PROGRAM HAS CUT DOWN THE RATE OF
3 RECIDIVISM BY A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT. I'M VERY PLEASED TO
4 RECOGNIZE TWO OF THOSE WHO'VE MADE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE
5 SUCCESS OF THE DRUG PROGRAM: MICHAEL P. JUDGE, THE COUNTY'S
6 PUBLIC DEFENDER, HAS SERVED FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS AS VICE
7 CHAIR OF THE DRUG COURT OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE. HE'S BEEN
8 PRESENTED WITH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRUG COURT
9 PROFESSIONAL NATIONAL DRUG COURT LEADERSHIP AWARD, HE'S PLAYED
10 A KEY LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF L.A. COUNTY DRUG
11 COURT PROGRAMS SINCE 1992, AND PROVIDED TRAINING FOR JUDGES
12 AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTITIONERS IN THE DRUG COURT FIELD. HE IS
13 A RECIPIENT OF AWARDS, HONORS, AND DISTINGUISHED APPOINTMENTS
14 TOO NUMEROUS TO LIST HERE. SUFFICE IS TO SAY THAT TODAY WE ARE
15 THANKING HIM FOR 10 YEARS OF CONTINUING DEDICATION, VISION,
16 AND LEADERSHIP, AND IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE
17 ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. MICHAEL JUDGE. [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND BEFORE I ASK HIM TO SPEAK, I'M GOING TO
20 ALSO RECOGNIZE COMMISSIONER JOSE RODRIGUEZ OF THE SUPERIOR
21 COURT OF LOS ANGELES FOR HIS 10 YEARS OF KEY LEADERSHIP IN THE
22 DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY DRUG COURT PROGRAM. HE WAS
23 INSTRUMENTAL IN ESTABLISHING THE COUNTY'S SECOND DRUG COURT AT
24 THE RIO HONDO COURT AND HAS PRESIDED OVER THE PROGRAM
25 CONTINUOUSLY. HE HAS GRADUATED A TOTAL OF 433 SUCCESSFUL



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1 GRADUATES OF DRUG COURT PROGRAM AND HAS SERVED AS A MENTOR FOR
2 THE PASADENA, INGLEWOOD, EAST LOS ANGELES AND POMONA COURT
3 PROGRAMS. AND THANK YOU TO JUDGE -- COMMISSIONER JOSE
4 RODRIGUEZ. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO ASK YOU AND THE JUDGE TO SPEAK
7 AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE THE GRADUATES.

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9 **JOSE RODRIGUEZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'VE BEEN GIVEN THE HONOR
10 TO ACCEPT THIS AWARD ON BEHALF OF THE DRUG COURT TEAM, THE
11 SUCCESS OF THE DRUG COURT PROGRAM IS SOLELY AS A RESULT OF THE
12 DRUG COURT TEAM, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS,
13 THE COURT STAFF, AND THE COUNSELORS OF THE MID VALLEY RECOVERY
14 SERVICES PROGRAM. SO I ACCEPT THIS AWARD ON THEIR BEHALF, AND
15 I'VE BEEN GIVEN THE HONOR TO BEGIN THE PROCESS -- TO STOP THE
16 PROCESS OF RECYCLING PEOPLE THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
17 SYSTEM AND BEGIN TO RECLAIM HUMAN LIVES, AND WE'RE VERY
18 HONORED TO DO THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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20 **MICHAEL JUDGE:** ADDICTION IS A SCOURGE, IT'S A DISEASE THAT
21 AFFLICTS MANY COMMUNITIES, AND IN THE PAST, IT WAS A BAFFLING,
22 CONFOUNDING DISEASE, BUT NOW WE HAVE FOUND A WAY, WITH THE
23 COMBINATION OF THE COERCIVE POWER OF THE COURT AND THE HEALING
24 POWER OF MEDICINE, TO SUCCESSFULLY BATTLE THAT SCOURGE. WE
25 HAVE SOME GRADUATES THAT ARE HERE TODAY THAT I'D LIKE TO PAY



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1 TRIBUTE TO, BUT ALSO TO THE PEOPLE WHO, EVERY DAY, OPERATE IN
2 OUR DRUG COURTS, THE JUDGES, THE COMMISSIONERS, THE
3 PROSECUTORS, AND THE DEFENDERS WHO HELP PEOPLE THROUGH THEIR
4 RECOVERY. IT IS THE MOST PHENOMENALLY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM IN
5 OUR COURT SYSTEM, AND IT TAKES PEOPLE WHO ARE HEAVY-DUTY
6 ADDICTS, AND AT THE END OF THE PROGRAM WHEN THEY GRADUATE,
7 ALMOST ALL OF THEM ARE EMPLOYED, THEY ALMOST NEVER GET
8 REARRESTED, THEY ARE REUNIFIED WITH FAMILY, AND THE
9 COMMUNITIES ARE HEALED. IT COSTS LESS, THE GOOD PART, IN TERMS
10 OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNITY ENDURES OVER A LONG
11 PERIOD OF TIME, AND I WOULD LIKE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO
12 OPERATE IN OUR DRUG COURTS EVERY DAY, AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD
13 TO HEARING FROM OUR DRUG COURT GRADUATES, BECAUSE THEY ARE OUR
14 HEROES. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND NOW WE'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE
17 THE GRADUATES. LYNN CHAPMAN, CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [
18 APPLAUSE]

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WOULD YOU LIKE TO STAND UP... ARLENE
21 RUIZ. [APPLAUSE]

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PATRICIA MONROE. [APPLAUSE]

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TIM AYRES. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANKS SO MUCH. [
3 APPLAUSE]

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL THE ASIAN/PACIFIC/AMERICAN
6 HERITAGE MONTH, FORD KERMOTO AND GLADYS LEE PLANNING COUNCIL
7 MEMBERS TO COME FORWARD. LOS ANGELES COUNTY DRAWS GREAT
8 STRENGTH FROM ITS RICH HERITAGE OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY. IN
9 KEEPING WITH THE RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION OF CULTURAL
10 DIVERSITY THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE MORE THAN 30
11 ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED BY THE POLICY
12 AND PLANNING COUNCIL WILL HOLD CELEBRATIONS ALL OVER THE
13 COUNTY THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF MAY. I HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 2003
14 AS ASIAN/PACIFIC/AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
15 ANGELES AND ENCOURAGE ALL PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
16 TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ENTERTAINMENT
17 AND FESTIVITIES THAT WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THIS OBSERVATION,
18 AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **MR. KERMOTO:** SUPERVISOR BURKE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
21 WE WANT TO JUST THANK YOU VERY MUCH ON BEHALF OF THE
22 ASIAN/PACIFIC POLICY AND PLANNING COUNCIL, WHICH IS A
23 COALITION OF OVER 30 ORGANIZATIONS THAT HELP TO SERVE LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY, AND WE ARE PARTICULARLY APPRECIATIVE IN
25 RECOGNIZING ASIAN/AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH



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1 BECAUSE IT ACKNOWLEDGES THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT OUR ANCESTORS
2 AND OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE MADE OVER 100 YEARS IN LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY, AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE MANY ASIAN/AMERICAN AND
4 PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES THAT RESIDE IN EACH OF THE
5 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. SO AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
6 THIS HONOR. WE APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY AND WE THANK THE
7 BOARD AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE HELP THAT WE'VE
8 RECEIVED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID ANYONE COME IN FROM THE VETERANS
11 APPRECIATION. MILTON BRIDGEWATER? NO HE DIDN'T COME, OKAY. AT
12 THIS TIME, WE HAVE AN 11:00 FIXED ITEM. DID WE GET A -- ALL
13 RIGHT, ON ITEM 3, THE HOLD ON THAT HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN, AND
14 IT'S BEEN MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT
15 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 3 IS APPROVED. I SHOULD
16 HAVE SAID THAT WAS SUPERVISOR KNABE, SHOULD HAVE MOVED THAT.
17 WE HAVE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON
18 THIS ITEM. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A SET ITEM AT 11:00.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE BUDGET HEALTH COMMITTEE.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUDGET FOR THE HEALTH -- IT'S A BUDGET
23 BRIEFING.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IS DAVID GOING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION?



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES I THINK SO. [MIXED VOICES]

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT WE CAN DO IS THAT I'D LIKE TO CALL
5 ITEM 99, AND THEN CALL THE 11:30 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
6 SPECIAL MEETING. NOW ON ITEM NUMBER 99, MR. JANSSEN, WOULD YOU
7 LIKE TO COME FORWARD ON 99 AND MAKE YOUR PRESENTATION FIRST,
8 OR SHOULD WE GO FORWARD WITH THE SPEAKERS WHO'VE REQUESTED TO
9 SPEAK? IN PARTICULAR, LOCAL 660 HAS SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO
10 SPEAK BUT THERE ARE ONLY GOING TO BE THREE SPEAKERS, AND THEN
11 ALL OF THEIR PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE ARE TRYING TO GET ON THEIR
12 BUS.

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK YOU MAY WANT TO TAKE SPEAKERS FIRST,
15 MADAM CHAIR, BECAUSE MY PRESENTATION, ASSUMING THAT WE GO
16 THROUGH THE ENTIRE PRESENTATION, MAY TAKE ABOUT 45 MINUTES, SO
17 YOU MAY WANT TO TAKE THE SPEAKERS FIRST.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S THEIR CHOICE. WOULD THEY
20 LIKE TO BE CALLED NOW, OR WOULD THEY LIKE TO WAIT 'TIL THE
21 CONCLUSION OF THE PRESENTATION? ALL RIGHT. YES. ANNELLE
22 GRAJEDA, BERTIE --

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR?

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** UH-HUH, YES?

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** ARE WE GOING TO DO THE FULL BUDGET THING RIGHT
4 NOW? I MEAN IF WE DO I JUST -- THERE WAS AN ITEM, ITEM 36,
5 WHERE WE HAD SOME PEOPLE FROM THE PUBLIC SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON
6 THE ITEM, AND WE'VE HAD A REQUEST BY THE DEPARTMENT AND -- TWO
7 DEPARTMENTS TO CONTINUE FOR TWO WEEKS, SO I THINK THAT IT'D BE
8 IMPORTANT FOR THEM IF THEY COULD JUST MAKE THEIR CONCERNS
9 KNOWN AND THEN WE CAN CONTINUE THE ITEM FOR TWO WEEKS.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S FINE. WOULD YOU ASK THEM
12 TO -- WE'LL ASK THEM TO COME FORWARD. THIS IS ON ITEM 36,
13 BEACHES AND HARBORS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD?

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** AND JUST SO THE SPEAKERS KNOW, THE INTENT HERE IS
20 TO CONTINUE FOR TWO WEEKS 'CAUSE WE'VE HAD SOME OTHER ISSUES
21 RAISED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT OF
22 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, SO.

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24 **JONATHON AMES:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS
25 JONATHON AMES, I WAS THE ONE THAT FIRST RAISED THE ISSUE ABOUT



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1 TWO WEEKS AGO RELATIVE TO THE A.D.A. COMPLIANCE ON THIS ISSUE.
2 I UNDERSTAND THAT THE OFFICE OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION HAS BEEN
3 NOTIFIED AND THEY'RE WORKING THROUGH THESE RIGHT NOW, AND I
4 WANTED TO APPEAR TODAY TO THANK BOTH SUPERVISOR KNABE AND
5 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR THEIR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER AND
6 MAKING IT PUBLIC. AGAIN, I UNDERSTAND IT'S GOING THROUGH. THE
7 BOATS AND THE ACCESS TO THE WATERWAYS ARE GOING TO BE A.D.A.
8 COMPLIANT. I BROUGHT THIS MATTER FORWARD BECAUSE, VERY
9 BRIEFLY, I SPENT THREE MONTHS IN A WHEELCHAIR MYSELF AND I
10 KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE NOT TO BE ABLE TO GET ACCESS TO AREAS, A
11 LOT OF PEOPLE IN HERE ARE LESS FORTUNATE THAN I AM. I'M
12 WALKING AGAIN, THEY'RE NOT YET. I WANTED TO THANK THE BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS AGAIN, ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND
14 SUPERVISOR KNABE, FOR TAKING THIS MATTER VERY, VERY SERIOUSLY,
15 AND I HOPE WE REACH RESOLVE ON IT IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS.
16 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, UH-HUH, MR. RILEY.

19

20 **TIM RILEY:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, TIM RILEY
21 REPRESENTING THE MARINA DEL RAY LESSEE'S ASSOCIATION, I'LL BE
22 REAL BRIEF. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF THE WATER TAXI
23 SYSTEM ON THE MARINA. IT'S GOING TO ENHANCE THE VISITOR
24 SERVING NATURE OF THE MARINA, BRING MORE TOURISTS TO THE
25 MARINA, SOME OF YOUR LOCATIONS THAT YOU HAVE FOR THE WATER



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1 TAXI SYSTEM ARE VERY IMPORTANT FOR VISITORS AND RESIDENTS
2 ALIKE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE ACCESS TO VARIOUS THINGS IN THE
3 MARINA SUCH AS THE RESTAURANTS AND ACCESS TO THE THE WATER,
4 AND IT'S GOING HELP ENHANCE THE PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY THAT
5 YOU'RE PROMOTING WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WATERFRONT WALK,
6 AND THE MARINA. SO WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THAT AND LOOK FORWARD
7 TO YOU ADOPTING IT HOPEFULLY IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, YES WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME,
10 PLEASE?

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12 **GEORGE ETTER:** IT'S GEORGE ETTER, I'M A BOATER, CLUB MEMBER,
13 FISHERMAN. MY MAIN CONCERN IS THE USE OF THE FIRE DUCT WHICH
14 IS AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE FACILITY TO BE USED AS A BUS STOP.
15 I'VE SEEN MANY RESPONSES WHO HAVE HAD FAMILY AND FRIENDS THAT
16 HAVE UTILIZED THE SERVICES OF THE FIRE BOAT AND PUTTING 50
17 PEOPLE ON THAT DOCK AND HAVING A RESPONSE OCCUR IS NOT A GOOD
18 IDEA, AND I THINK THAT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER, IF APPROVING THE
19 WATER BUS, APPROVING IT WITHOUT THE USE OF THE FIRE DOCK IN
20 MARINA DEL RAY FIRE STATION 110. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PLEASE,
23 YES.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** GEORGE, JUST SO YOU KNOW, THAT'S ONE OF THE OTHER
2 ISSUES WE'RE HAVING A LOOK AT WHEN THEY COME BACK AS WELL TOO,
3 THE FIRE BOAT ISSUE.

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5 **GEORGE ETTER:** THE FIRE BOAT?

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH.

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9 **GEORGE ETTER:** OKAY THANK YOU.

10

11 **BOB LESLIE:** MADAM CHAIRMAN I'M BOB LESLIE, I'VE BEEN CONNECTED
12 WITH MARINA DEL RAY FOR A LONG TIME AND I'M BASICALLY IN FAVOR
13 OF THE CONCEPT OF THIS WATER BUS, WATER TAXI, BUT I THINK IT
14 NEEDS MORE STUDY, A 57-FOOT AND A 60-FOOT BOAT TRAVELING IN
15 AND OUT OF THE DOCK AREAS IS NOT SAFE. I THINK THAT THE IMAGE
16 OF PEOPLE ON A WORKBOAT BEING DROPPED OFF IN FRONT OF THE IRON
17 GATE IN FRONT OF MARINA CITY CLUB IS NOT THE IMAGE THAT THE
18 BOARD WANTS TO PRESENT TO TOURISTS AND PEOPLE THAT COME TO
19 VISIT MARINA DEL RAY, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE STUDY ON
20 THIS BEFORE IT IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND SO THIS WILL BE
23 CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. JANSSEN, DO YOU WANT TO GO ON AND MAKE
3 YOUR PRESENTATION? I THINK THAT THE PEOPLE OF 660 SAID AT 45
4 MINUTES THEIR BUS IS NOT LEAVING BEFORE THAT TIME.

5

6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.
7 WHILE THEY'RE SETTING UP THE POWER POINT, LET ME SAY THAT IT'S
8 MY INTENT TO WALK THROUGH REASONABLY QUICKLY THE POWER POINT,
9 WHICH ALL OF YOU SHOULD HAVE A COPY OF, BECAUSE SOME OF THE --
10 SOME OF THE NUMBERS TEND TO GET A LITTLE CONFUSING. THE --
11 WHILE THEY ARE SETTING UP, THE STATE TODAY, WE UNDERSTAND, IS
12 CONSIDERING THE PACKAGE IN THE ASSEMBLY A \$5.8 BILLION PACKAGE
13 TO DEAL WITH THE STATE BUDGET PROBLEM. THERE IS A PROPOSED
14 500-MILLION-DOLLAR ONE-TIME REDUCTION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN
15 THAT PROPOSED PACKAGE FOR NEXT YEAR, 250 MILLION WOULD BE
16 ASSESSED AGAINST COUNTIES, 250 MILLION ASSESSED AGAINST
17 CITIES. FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IT WOULD BE IN THE
18 NEIGHBORHOOD OF A 70 TO 75 MILLION DOLLAR REDUCTION. IN
19 ADDITION, THEY'RE ALSO LOOKING AT TRANSFER OF UNDESIGNATED
20 COURT FEES THAT MAY IMPACT US ANOTHER 25 MILLION AND TRAINING
21 FUNDS IN THE SHERIFF PROBATION YOUTH AUTHORITY FEES. WE'RE
22 PROBABLY LOOKING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF A HUNDRED MILLION
23 DOLLAR PROBLEM FROM THE STATE. IF IT HAPPENS, WHICH OBVIOUSLY
24 IS A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT OVER THE POTENTIAL LOSS OF
25 VEHICLE LICENSE FUNDS. HOWEVER, EVEN IF THE LEGISLATURE IS



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1 ABLE TO TAKE THE ACTION TODAY, WHICH WOULD BE VERY POSITIVE, I
2 BELIEVE THERE'S STILL ABOUT AN 11-MILLION-DOLLAR SHORTFALL --
3 AN 11-BILLION-DOLLAR SHORTFALL IN THE STATE BUDGET THAT NEEDS
4 TO BE DEALT WITH. THE PURPOSE FOR THE DISCUSSION TODAY IS TO
5 ASK THE BOARD TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED 2003/2004 BUDGET FOR THE
6 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IT WILL THEN BE FORMALLY DISTRIBUTED.
7 PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE BUDGET BEGIN MAY THE 14TH. ANYONE
8 LISTENING, ANYONE IN THE COUNTY THAT'S INTERESTED IN
9 TESTIFYING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET CAN DO SO STARTING MAY THE
10 14TH, AND THEN THE BOARD ITSELF, YOU WILL BEGIN DELIBERATIONS
11 ON THE BUDGET THE END OF JUNE. I BELIEVE IT'S JUNE 23RD. AND I
12 SHOULD SAY THAT THIS IS, IN FACT, WHAT I SAID, IT IS A
13 PROPOSED BUDGET. IT DOES NOT REPRESENT AT THIS TIME ANY OF THE
14 DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE BUDGET IS PROPOSED
15 TO ACTUALLY GO DOWN BY OVER 300 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE
16 CURRENT YEAR, A 2% REDUCTION, AND A REDUCTION OF BUDGETED
17 STAFF OF 2,158, OR ABOUT A 2.3% REDUCTION. THIS CHART
18 INDICATES HOW THE COUNTY SPENDS ITS MONEY IN TOTAL. THE
19 BUDGET, 16.5 BILLION DOLLARS. AND AS YOU KNOW, CERTAINLY AND
20 ANYBODY WHO FOLLOWS THE COUNTY, COUNTY BUDGETING IS VERY
21 COMPLICATED BECAUSE SO MUCH OF WHAT WE DO IS CONTROLLED BY THE
22 STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THERE'S SO MANY DIFFERENT
23 REVENUE STREAMS, OBLIGATIONS, VERY DIFFERENT THAN A CITY
24 BUDGET. 27% OF THE BUDGET IS SPENT IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
25 29%, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. ABOUT 6% FOR ROADS, FLOOD, AND LIBRARY



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1 AND PUBLIC PROTECTION IS 25% OF THE BUDGET. AND WHERE DO WE
2 GET OUR MONEY? FEDERAL ASSISTANCE, 27%, 4.3 BILLION DOLLARS.
3 STATE ASSISTANCE, 19%. THE LOCALLY-GENERATED REVENUES, AND
4 WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT IN A MINUTE, 22% OF THE TOTAL BUDGET,
5 SPECIAL FUNDS, FIRE, LIBRARIES, ROAD, AND FLOOD MAKE UP ABOUT
6 19% OF THE BUDGET. IN THE OTHER CATEGORY, YOU HAVE FINES AND
7 FORFEITURE, INTEREST EARNINGS, CONTRACT CITIES, REVENUE, ET
8 CETERA. NOW THIS IS A CHART THAT WE'VE ADDED SINCE THE BUDGET
9 WAS RELEASED BECAUSE IT ADDRESSES THE GENERAL FUND PORTION OF
10 THE BUDGET, WHICH IS ONLY 11.8 BILLION, AND IT REALLY GIVES A
11 BETTER PICTURE OF THE REVENUE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STATE
12 AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IF YOU TAKE OUT THE SPECIAL FUNDS, THIS
13 IS WHAT YOU HAVE. AND ALL OF A SUDDEN, THE STATE AND FEDERAL
14 ASSISTANCE JUMPS TO 56% OF THE BUDGET. AND LOCAL GENERATED
15 REVENUES INCREASED TO 31%. SO THE DOLLARS ARE THE SAME, BUT
16 THE PERCENTAGES CHANGE WHEN YOU TAKE OUT THE SPECIAL FUNDS.
17 WHAT IS THAT LOCAL REVENUE THAT THE COUNTY RELIES ON? PROPERTY
18 TAX CONTINUES TO BE THE LARGEST, 47% OF THE LOCALLY-GENERATED
19 REVENUE IS PROPERTY TAX. THE BOTTOM TWO PIE CHARTS -- PIE
20 PIECES ARE WHY WE ARE SO CONCERNED ABOUT VEHICLE LICENSE FEES.
21 WE HAVE 426 MILLION IN REALIGNMENT VEHICLE LICENSE FEES AND
22 700 MILLION IN B.L.F., THAT 700 MILLION FIGURE IS WHERE WE
23 WERE OR ARE STILL UNLESS THE REBATE PROGRAM ENDS, WE WOULD
24 LOSE 472 MILLION OF THAT 700 MILLION. SO COUNTY GOVERNMENT,
25 AND WE'RE NOT UNIQUE IN CALIFORNIA, RELIES HEAVILY ON PROPERTY



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1 TAX. THE SALES TAX FIGURE UP ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE, UNLIKE
2 CITIES, ONLY 44 MILLION DOLLARS IS SALES TAX IN THE COUNTY
3 BUDGET THAT'S COLLECTED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OUTSIDE OF
4 THE INCORPORATED CITIES. AND THIS IS HOW THE LOCAL MONEY IS
5 SPENT. PUBLIC PROTECTION, 41% OF THE LOCAL DOLLARS GO INTO
6 PUBLIC PROTECTION; 19% INTO HEALTH; 17%, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; 3%
7 INTO RECREATION AND CULTURAL; GENERAL GOVERNMENT, 17%. AND IF
8 YOU DO A SIDE BY SIDE COMPARISON OF HOW THE TOTAL BUDGET IS
9 SPENT VERSUS HOW THE LOCAL DOLLARS ARE SPENT, YOU SEE THAT THE
10 PRIORITY OF THE BOARD FOR LOCAL DOLLARS IS IN PUBLIC
11 PROTECTION, 41% OF THE BUDGET. IF YOU WERE JUST TO LOOK AT THE
12 TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF 16.5 BILLION, IT'S ONLY 25%. SO YOU
13 OBVIOUSLY NEED TO BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT HOW YOU USE
14 PERCENTAGES AND NUMBERS, THE PRIORITY FOR LOCAL REVENUE
15 EXPENDITURES IS PUBLIC PROTECTION, 41% OF THE BUDGET GOES TO
16 THE SHERIFF, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PROBATION, MONEY THAT WE STILL
17 PUT INTO THE COURTS, PUBLIC DEFENSE. THIS IS THE CHART THAT
18 COUNTY HAS DEVELOPED SOME TIME AGO TO TRY TO EXPLAIN THE
19 AMOUNT OF DISCRETION THAT THE BOARD HAS WHEN IT CONSIDERS
20 EXPENDITURE OF THE 16.5 BILLION DOLLARS, HOW MUCH OF THAT
21 MONEY DO YOU REALLY HAVE CONTROL OVER, AND BY "CONTROL," I
22 DEFINE IT TO MEAN ALLOCATING THE MONEY FOR WHICH YOU CONSIDER
23 TO BE A PRIORITY VERSUS WHAT SOMEBODY ELSE CONSIDERS TO BE A
24 PRIORITY. THE RED SECTION, 77.6% OF THE BUDGET, IS CONSIDERED
25 PROGRAM REVENUE THAT'S RECEIVED FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE AND IT



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1 GOES FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE NET COUNTY COST, THE LOCAL DOLLARS,
2 3.7 BILLION, 14% OF THOSE, AND I'LL EXPLAIN THAT IN A MINUTE,
3 ARE TIED UP BY MATCHING REQUIREMENTS, MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT
4 REQUIREMENTS, FIXED EXPENDITURES. THE ACTUAL FLEXIBILITY YOU
5 HAVE IN THE BUDGET IS 8.1%, ABOUT 1.3 BILLION DOLLARS, AND
6 THAT'S DOWN ONE PERCENT FROM THIS YEAR. IT'S A TREND OVER THE
7 LAST FIVE YEARS THAT HAD BEEN INCREASING, ACTUALLY. WE WERE UP
8 TO OVER 9% FLEXIBILITY, WHICH IS STILL A RIDICULOUSLY LOW
9 FIGURE, BUT AT LEAST IT WAS GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, IT'S
10 NOW GOING BACK DOWN THE OTHER WAY. THIS IS UNINTELLIGIBLE.
11 PROGRAM. THIS IS JUST TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA THAT 77% WHERE WHAT
12 ARE THE PROGRAMS. WELL THE LARGEST OBVIOUSLY HEALTH AND SOCIAL
13 SERVICES, STATE AND FEDERAL MONEY PRIMARILY GOES INTO HEALTH
14 AND SOCIAL SERVICES, 7.3 BILLION DOLLARS. SPECIAL FUNDS, THREE
15 BILLION. PROP 172 SALES TAX, 502 MILLION DOLLARS. THAT'S MONEY
16 THAT GOES INTO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND INTO THE SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT. IT CANNOT BE SPENT ON PARKS, LIBRARIES, ROADS, OR
18 ANY OTHER PURPOSE, IT HAS TO GO IN THOSE AREAS. NONFLEXIBLE.
19 THIS IS PART OF THE -- AND YOU LOSE IT BY NOT SEEING THE TOTAL
20 CHART BUT THIS IS NOW LOCAL DOLLARS, THIS IS HOW LOCAL DOLLARS
21 ARE SPENT. THE LEFT SIDE, 13% ARE FOR MANDATED SERVICES, AND
22 THE LARGEST HERE AGAIN IS HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH TO DRAW
23 DOWN THAT 7 BILLION DOLLARS OF STATE AND FEDERAL DOLLARS, WE
24 HAVE TO PUT UP COUNTY DOLLARS. IT'S REAL SIMPLE. THERE'S A
25 DIFFERENT FORMULA FOR EVERY PROGRAM, BUT WE HAVE TO PUT UP A



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1 CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BRING IN THAT MONEY, 595 MILLION
2 DOLLARS. PUBLIC DEFENDER, ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, INDIGENT
3 DEFENSE, THOSE ARE COSTS THAT ARE REQUIRED BY LAW FOR THE
4 COUNTY TO SPEND. WHATEVER DEFENSE COSTS ARE NEEDED IN THE
5 COURTS THE COUNTY PAYS GENERAL FUND MONEY TO SUPPORT THEM,
6 THERE'S NO STATE OR FEDERAL DOLLARS INVOLVED. AND THE OTHER
7 ITEM I WOULD POINT OUT IS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE
8 DISTRICT ATTORNEY, 405 MILLION, AND THE SHERIFF, 55 MILLION,
9 AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, WHEN PROP 172 PASSED THE FOLLOWING
10 YEAR, THE LEGISLATURE ESTABLISHED A MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT
11 REQUIREMENT. THOSE ARE DOLLARS, THE LOCAL DOLLARS THAT WE NEED
12 TO SPEND IN THOSE DEPARTMENTS TO DRAW DOWN THE PROP 172
13 DOLLARS, SO THEY'RE LOCKED IN, AS ARE THE 172 DOLLARS. AND
14 THEN A VERY SMALL AMOUNT, 119 MILLION THAT WE CONSIDER
15 NONFLEXIBLE, CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS, GRAND JURY, SEISMIC
16 PROJECTS, ET CETERA. SO THEN WHERE CAN THE BOARD -- WHERE DOES
17 IT LOOK TO MAKE REDUCTIONS, AND THIS IS WHERE WE LOOKED IN
18 PREPARING THE BUDGET. THE FLEXIBLE COSTS, 8.1%. 500 MILLION OF
19 THAT IS IN PUBLIC PROTECTION. IN THE SHERIFF, FOR EXAMPLE,
20 THERE'S 286 MILLION DOLLARS LEFT IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
21 IN THIS BUDGET ABOVE THE MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENT. SO
22 LEGALLY, YOU COULD STILL REDUCE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
23 ANOTHER 286 MILLION DOLLARS. THE SAME IS TRUE IN DISTRICT
24 ATTORNEY. THAT IS 67 MILLION ABOVE THE MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.
25 THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE IS GENERAL GOVERNMENT. IN THE BUDGET THIS



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1 YEAR, WE TRIED, IN ESSENCE, BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE
2 REALLY EXCEEDED THEIR ABILITY TO ABSORB COSTS, HAVE BROKEN THE
3 DEFICIT INTO TWO DIFFERENT CATEGORIES. STRUCTURAL DEFICIT,
4 WHICH OCCURS AND SIMPLY WHEN YOUR EXPENDITURES EXCEED THE
5 REVENUES THAT ARE AVAILABLE ON AN ONGOING BASIS, A PROBLEM
6 THAT WE HAVE OBVIOUSLY IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ONGOING, AND
7 WE HAVE THAT PROBLEM NOW IN THE GENERAL FUND, AND ABSORPTION
8 OF COST INCREASES. HISTORICALLY, DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN
9 REQUIRED TO ABSORB INCREASES FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION, FOR
10 EXAMPLE. THEY'VE BEEN REQUIRED TO ABSORB INCREASES IN COST OF
11 LIVING, THEY'VE BEEN REQUIRED TO ABSORB INCREASES IN RETIREE
12 HEALTH. THEY ARE, IN LARGE PART, NO LONGER ABLE TO DO THAT
13 WITHOUT MAKING REDUCTIONS. SO THE TOTAL DEFICIT THAT WE ARE
14 DEALING WITH IN THIS BUDGET IS 804 MILLION DOLLARS, AND THAT
15 IS A COMBINATION OF THE TWO AREAS THAT I TALKED ABOUT, THE
16 PROJECTED STRUCTURAL DEFICIT OF 205 MILLION, THE ABSORPTIONS,
17 THE REVENUE PROBLEMS OF DEPARTMENTS, WHICH ARE CONSIDERED
18 INTERNAL PROBLEMS, 432 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THOSE TWO, AND THEN
19 THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS HISTORICALLY
20 BEEN DISCUSSED SEPARATE FROM THE REST OF THE BUDGET, BUT IT IS
21 PART OF THE COUNTY BUDGET, IT IS PART OF THE OVERALL CHALLENGE
22 THAT YOU HAVE IN BALANCING THE BUDGET. AND THE HEALTH
23 DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR, THE SHORTFALL IS
24 372 MILLION DOLLARS, AND THESE ARE NOT NEW NUMBERS, THESE ARE
25 NUMBERS THAT YOU'VE SEEN IN ALL THE PRESENTATIONS FROM THE



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1 DIRECTOR. THE PROPOSAL TO BALANCE NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET IN THE
2 HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS 174.5 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF SCENARIO
3 THREE REDESIGN REDUCTIONS AND USE OF 197 MILLION DOLLARS OF
4 THEIR RESERVE. A COUPLE OF THE FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE
5 STRUCTURAL PROBLEM. NOW WE HAVE CASELOAD GROWTH AND IN-HOME
6 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES CONTINUES TO GROW DRAMATICALLY, AND WE
7 HAVE INCREASED COSTS IN CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES THIS
8 YEAR. WE HAVE THE ONGOING COST OF PREVIOUSLY-NEGOTIATED
9 SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, AND I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT WE
10 DO HAVE CONTRACTS THAT HAVE EXPIRED WITH PUBLIC SAFETY, WITH
11 SOCIAL WORKERS, WITH PROBATION OFFICERS, AND WE HAVE MADE A
12 ZERO SALARY INCREASE PROPOSAL TO THEM AND THERE IS NO MONEY
13 INCLUDED FOR NEW SALARIES IN THIS BUDGET. AND THE SHORTFALL IS
14 STILL 804 MILLION DOLLARS. OTHER FACTORS, REVENUE, WE HAVE
15 SEEN, UNFORTUNATELY, AS THE STATE, ALTHOUGH NOT NEARLY AS
16 SERIOUS AS THE STATE, OUR REVENUES FOR REALIGN PROGRAMS,
17 MENTAL HEALTH, HEALTH, IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ARE
18 ACTUALLY GOING DOWN. PROP 172 REVENUES ARE GOING DOWN, AND NO
19 ONE NOW IS ANTICIPATING ANY IMPROVEMENT IN THE ECONOMY UNTIL
20 2004. WE DO NOT HAVE THE SAME REVENUE SOURCES GENERALLY THAT
21 THE STATE HAS, THEIR BIGGEST PROBLEM IS INCOME TAX RIGHT NOW,
22 THAT IS NOT PART OF OUR BUDGET. PROPERTY TAX CONTINUES TO BE
23 STRONG, BUT THE GROWTH IN EXPENDITURES IN THE GENERAL FUND IS
24 263 MILLION DOLLARS, THE NET, 268 MILLION. THE NET REVENUE
25 IMPROVEMENT IN THE GENERAL FUND FOR OUR 16-BILLION-DOLLAR



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1 BUDGET IS 60 -- ABOUT 62, 63 MILLION DOLLARS, THAT'S IT, WHICH
2 LEAVES THE 205 MILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL IN THE GENERAL FUND.
3 AND I'LL TALK ABOUT HOW WE'RE PROPOSING TO CLOSE THE GAP IN
4 EACH OF THOSE AREAS. IN THE GENERAL FUND, THE 205.4 MILLION
5 DOLLAR SHORTFALL, WE'RE PROPOSING 66.1 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH
6 OF REDUCTIONS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, PROPOSING TO USE
7 RESERVES OF 109 MILLION DOLLARS FOR WHAT WE CONSIDER ONE-TIME
8 EXPENSES, SO I DON'T CONSIDER THE USE OF THESE TO BE
9 PROBLEMATIC, WE'RE NOT USING THEM TO BALANCE ONGOING
10 OBLIGATIONS. THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF THAT IS THE FOOD STAMP
11 PENALTY RATE THAT HAS BEEN ASSESSED BUT NOT REQUIRED YET BY
12 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WE ALSO ARE SETTING ASIDE ALMOST 40
13 MILLION DOLLARS ANTICIPATING THE STATE WILL NOT REIMBURSE US
14 FOR S.B. 90 COSTS. A MINOR AT 9.8 MILLION DOLLAR DEFERRAL OF A
15 COUPLE OF MAINTENANCE-RELATED PROGRAMS AND WE HAVE 20 MILLION
16 DOLLARS OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES WHICH WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO
17 US WHEN WE DID THE FORECAST. SO THAT'S THE 205 MILLION.

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19 **>THE 66 MILLION DOLLARS IN REDUCTIONS, WHERE ARE THEY? JUST**
20 **ABOUT EVERY DEPARTMENT. THERE ARE A HANDFUL OF THE SMALLER**
21 **DEPARTMENTS WHERE THERE ARE NO PROPOSED REDUCTIONS, BUT IN**
22 **MOST DEPARTMENTS, THERE ARE AT LEAST SOME MINIMAL. AG**
23 **COMMISSIONER, FOUR POSITIONS INVOLVED IN BUSINESS PRACTICES,**
24 **THE CORONER, TWO POSITIONS, THE POSTGRADUATE RESIDENCY PROGRAM**
25 **THE CORONER IS A PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE BEEN REBUILDING FOR THE**



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1 LAST FIVE YEARS, AND WOULD LIKE TO PROTECT, IF AT ALL
2 POSSIBLE, OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY, 17 POSITION REDUCTION AND
3 REDUCE THEIR PATROLLING IN THE NUMBER OF AREAS. LIFEGUARDS.
4 THIS MAY BE A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT ONE, 18.4 POSITIONS,
5 REDUCES BEACH STAFFING, ELIMINATES SWIFT WATER RESCUE IN SOME
6 FASHION. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A LOT OF PUBLIC
7 ATTENTION RECENTLY IN THE MEDIA. THIS PORTION OF THE SHERIFF'S
8 REDUCTION IS ONLY 14 MILLION DOLLARS, ONLY. 173 POSITIONS,
9 PROGRAM REDUCTIONS AND COURT SERVICES, COMMUNITY OUTREACH,
10 RESERVE VOLUNTEER. I BELIEVE AS OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET, THERE
11 ARE NO REDUCTIONS TO -- OTHER THAN COMMUNITY POLICING, THERE
12 ARE NO REDUCTIONS TO THE DEPUTY ON THE JOB. WE ARE STILL, I
13 BELIEVE, PROTECTING THE DEPUTY IN THE FIELD. DISTRICT
14 ATTORNEY, 3 MILLION DOLLARS, 25 POSITIONS YOU WILL HAVE TO
15 CURTAIL. INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTIONS, SPECIALTY
16 PROSECUTIONS AND HATE CRIMES, HIGH TECH. EXCUSE ME. PROBATION
17 DEPARTMENT, 119 POSITIONS. CLOSURE OF CAMP ROCKY, WHICH WE
18 PROPOSED CLOSING LAST YEAR, AND THE DEPARTMENT WAS ABLE TO
19 FIND OR IDENTIFY TITLE 4-A MONEY TO KEEP IT OPEN. AND THE
20 ELIMINATION OF THE COUNTY PORTION OF SCHOOL-BASED SUPERVISION
21 AND COMMUNITY DETENTION -- COMMUNITY DETENTION PROGRAMS ARE
22 VERY IMPORTANT LOCAL CONTRACTED PROGRAMS, SCHOOL-BASED
23 SUPERVISION. MY FEELING IS THAT IT IS A BENEFIT TO THE
24 SCHOOLS, AND IF WE'RE GOING TO DO IT, THE SCHOOLS SHOULD PAY
25 FOR IT. ARTS COMMISSION REDUCTION OF \$330,000. REDUCES ARTS



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1 EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND ALSO REDUCES FUNDING FOR GRANTS. THE
2 PARKS DEPARTMENT, WE'RE PROPOSING TO RETURN THE OPERATION OF
3 CASTAIC LAKE AND PLACERITA CANYON TO THE STATE, REDUCING TRAIL
4 MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES AND SOME OTHER EFFICIENCIES IN THE
5 DEPARTMENT. THE LIBRARY, THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A PRIORITY OF THE
6 BOARD. YOU ADDED THIS MONEY LAST YEAR. 7.3 MILLION DOLLARS, IT
7 WAS ONE-TIME MONEY, THE ONE-TIME MONEY OBVIOUSLY IS SCARCE, SO
8 WE'RE PROPOSING THE ELIMINATION AGAIN OF THE 7.3. THE LIBRARY
9 HAS UNTIL BEFORE PUBLIC HEARINGS TO IDENTIFY HOW THEY'RE GOING
10 TO TAKE THAT REDUCTION, MY RECOLLECTION LAST YEAR IS THEY WERE
11 TALKING ABOUT A 33% REDUCTION IN HOURS AND/OR THE CLOSURE OF
12 15 -- 15 LIBRARIES, MAYBE IT WAS HIGHER THAN THAT. A 1.5
13 MILLION DOLLAR REDUCTION IN MY OFFICE, 14 POSITIONS.
14 ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MARKETING, ASSET AND BUDGET
15 MANAGEMENT, MILLION AND A HALF IN THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE, A
16 \$400,000 DOLLAR REDUCTION IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S BUDGET.
17 THE C.I.O., A SMALL REDUCTION, COUNTY COUNSEL, 280,000. THAT'S
18 GOING TO BE DIFFICULT FOR COUNTY COUNSEL, IT MAY RESULT IN
19 SOME REDUCTION OF LEGAL ADVICE TO DEPARTMENTS. HUMAN
20 RESOURCES, HALF A MILLION DOLLARS. IT DOES HAVE A MINOR EFFECT
21 ON THE TRAINING ACADEMY, BUT THAT IS A VERY IMPORTANT PROGRAM,
22 I THINK AND ONE WE WOULD LIKE TO PROTECT AS WELL. INTERNAL
23 SERVICES, PUBLIC WORKS, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, THESE ARE
24 ALL GENERAL DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE REDUCTIONS, IN THE
25 NEIGHBORHOOD OF 6.5%. NOW, THE 226 MILLION OF ABSORPTIONS,



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1 **THAT WAS THE 66 MILLION RELATED TO THE STRUCTURAL PROBLEM. 226**
2 **MILLION DOLLAR ABSORPTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY
3 SERVICES, 21.7 MILLION DOLLAR. THEY ARE SEEING A REDUCTION IN
4 THE NUMBER OF CASES THAT RECEIVE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE, WHICH
5 INCREASES THE GENERAL FUND OBLIGATION. THERE ARE ALSO REVENUES
6 THAT THEY ASSUMED IN THE BUDGET THAT WERE NOT FORTHCOMING FROM
7 THE STATE. PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, WE KNEW LAST YEAR THAT THE
8 INCENTIVE FUNDS WERE GOING TO EXPIRE. THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ONE-
9 TIME EXPENDITURES, AND THE STATE HAS NOT BEEN FUNDING FOR THE
10 LAST COUPLE OF YEARS COST INCREASES RELATED TO CALWORKS. SO
11 THERE IS A NET 103 MILLION DOLLAR REDUCTION IN THE DEPARTMENT,
12 IT IS ACTUALLY HIGHER THAN THAT IN PERFORMANCE INCENTIVES, 138
13 MILLION, AND A NET REDUCTION OF 235 POSITIONS. THERE IS, AT
14 THE SAME TIME, THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN MEDI-CAL, SO THE
15 NET REDUCTION OF POSITIONS IS LOWER THAN ONE MIGHT HAVE
16 ASSUMED. COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, 13 MILLION DOLLARS, 11
17 POSITIONS. CHILD SUPPORT IS MINOR AT THIS TIME. IT IS A STATE-
18 FUNDED PROGRAM AND THEY'RE WAITING TO SEE, FRANKLY, UNTIL THE
19 STATE COMPLETES ITS PROCESS TO IDENTIFY WHAT THE AMOUNT OF THE
20 REDUCTION IS GOING TO BE. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, IN ADDITION TO
21 THE PREVIOUS REDUCTION, ANOTHER 1.3 MILLION DOLLARS AFFECTING
22 HARD CORE GANG, ASIAN GANG, QUALITY OF LIFE CASES, I THINK THE
23 ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION HAS BEEN IN THE -- THE REDUCTION IN THAT
24 AREA HAS BEEN IN THE PAPER. PARKS DEPARTMENT, SHORTEN THE POOL
25 OPERATION SEASON BY TWO WEEKS. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THIS IS



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1 THE BIG ONE THAT HAS RECEIVED A LOT OF PRESS ATTENTION. 61.4
2 MILLION DOLLARS, A TOTAL 75 MILLION DOLLAR REDUCTION IN THE
3 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, 407 POSITIONS. HE'S BEEN RELEASING
4 MISDEMEANORS FROM PRISON, THAT WILL SAVE HIM ONLY ABOUT 15
5 MILLION DOLLARS. PART OF THIS IS ALSO A PROPOSED REDUCTION IN
6 COURT SECURITY AND A REDUCTION OF 30 MILLION DOLLARS IN
7 OVERTIME. ROAD FUND, THERE EVEN THE SPECIAL FUNDS ARE BEING
8 IMPACTED NOW GIVEN THE WAY THE BUDGET PROBLEMS EXIST IN
9 CALIFORNIA, A 24 MILLION DOLLAR REDUCTION. THERE ARE -- WE DID
10 NOT ASSUME THE V.L.F. REDUCTION IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET, FOR
11 ONE THING IT WAS TOO LARGE TO CONTEMPLATE. FOR ANOTHER, WE
12 SIMPLY HAD NO IDEA AND STILL DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THE
13 STATE WILL DO, SO THAT IS A PROBLEM FOR THE FUTURE. WHETHER
14 IT'S 472 MILLION OR THE 100 MILLION THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT
15 TODAY, IT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET AND WE WILL HAVE TO
16 DEAL WITH IT SEPARATELY. WE DID INCLUDE, AS I INDICATED, SOME
17 AREAS THAT WE DO KNOW ARE PROBLEMS IN THE STATE BUDGET. THE
18 INCENTIVE FUNDINGS DISAPPEARING, MANDATE REIMBURSEMENT NOT
19 HAPPENING FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW. THE REDUCTION IN LOCAL
20 STREETS AND ROADS, REDUCTION IN CALWORKS, AND THEN I ALREADY
21 TALKED ABOUT SOME OF THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS FROM THE STATE.
22 HEALTH DEPARTMENT, 174.5 MILLION DOLLAR REDUCTION. THESE ARE
23 DECISIONS THAT THE BOARD HAS ALREADY MADE. THEY OBVIOUSLY HAVE
24 TO PLAY THEMSELVES OUT IN THE BUDGET. THEY'RE ALSO PROPOSING
25 TO USE 197.5 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE DESIGNATION. AND LET ME



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1 GO TO THE NEXT POSITION. 642 POSITION REDUCTION IN THE
2 DEPARTMENT, WHICH INCLUDES THE REDUCTION OF 1,500 POSITIONS
3 FROM THE CLOSURE OF RANCHO. IT'S PARTIALLY OFFSET BY AN
4 ADDITION OF 883 POSITIONS FOR THE NURSE-TO-PATIENT STAFFING
5 RATIO THAT THE LEGISLATURE PASSED ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO THAT
6 WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO UNDO FOR THAT PERIOD OF TIME, 800
7 POSITIONS RELATED TO THAT STATE MANDATE. INCREASES IN WAIVER-
8 RELATED PROGRAMS, SOME INCREASES IN PUBLIC HEALTH. THE MOST
9 SIGNIFICANT THING ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR CHART IS THE
10 PROPORTION GOING TO HOSPITALS HAS DECREASED FROM ALMOST 67%
11 JUST A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO TO 62%, REFLECTING THE CONTINUED
12 DOWNSIZING OF THE IN-PATIENT OPERATION IN THE DEPARTMENT.
13 PUBLIC HEALTH, 592 MILLION DOLLARS, 19% OF THE BUDGET. MANAGED
14 CARE, 115 MILLION. HEALTH CENTERS, 239 MILLION.
15 ADMINISTRATION, 6%. I WON'T SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN CAPITAL
16 PROJECTS, IT'S VERY DETAILED, IT INVOLVES A LOT OF FUNDS. OVER
17 1.8 BILLION DOLLARS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS, THE LARGEST OBVIOUSLY
18 BEING THE REBUILD OF L.A.C.U.S.C., WHICH IS UNDERWAY. PUBLIC
19 PROTECTION, COURTROOMS, SHERIFF SUBSTATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS TO
20 JUVENILE HALLS, WE'RE STILL PURSUING A COUNTYWIDE DATA CENTER.
21 THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH, IT IS AN
22 EARTHQUAKE SAFETY PROBLEM. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS, ET
23 CETERA. YOUR BOARD ADOPTED IN DECEMBER OR THE SECOND ITERATION
24 OF THE COUNTY'S STRATEGIC PLAN, WHAT IS IT THAT WE'RE FOCUSING
25 THE ORGANIZATIONAL ATTENTION ON. FOUR ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS,



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1 SERVICE EXCELLENCE, WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE, ORGANIZATIONAL
2 EFFECTIVENESS, FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. YOU ALSO ADOPTED FOUR
3 PROGRAM GOALS, ONE WHICH PRE-EXISTED CHILDREN AND FAMILY WELL-
4 BEING, WHICH I'LL TALK ABOUT IN A MINUTE. A NEW ONE FOR
5 COMMUNITY SERVICES, IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE
6 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY'S UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. HEALTH
7 AND MENTAL HEALTH, IMPLEMENT A CLIENT CENTER INFORMATION-
8 BASED, HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DELIVERY SYSTEM. AND
9 PUBLIC SAFETY, INCREASE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF ALL RESIDENTS
10 IN L.A. COUNTY THROUGH WELL COORDINATED COMPREHENSIVE
11 RESPONSES. AND WE HAVE PRODUCED FOR THE SECOND YEAR A CHILDREN
12 AND FAMILIES ADDENDUM TO THE BUDGET. IT REFLECTS QUITE
13 COMPREHENSIVELY ALL OF THE SERVICES THAT THE COUNTY PROVIDES
14 AND THE DOLLARS THAT ARE SPENT ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN THE
15 COUNTY. IN 1993, TEN YEARS AGO, YOUR BOARD ADOPTED FIVE
16 OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PROPOSED BY THE CHILDREN'S
17 PLANNING COUNCIL. GOOD HEALTH, SAFETY AND SURVIVAL, ECONOMIC
18 WELL-BEING, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING, EDUCATION AND
19 WORK FORCE READINESS. IT WAS -- WHILE IT WAS NOT EASY TO COME
20 UP WITH THOSE OUTCOMES, IT WAS EASY COMPARED TO THE COMPLEXITY
21 OF TRANSFORMING A BUREAUCRACY TO ACCOMPLISH THEM. WE SPEND
22 ABOUT 4.6 BILLION DOLLARS OF THE BUDGET FOR CHILDREN AND
23 FAMILY SERVICES PRIMARILY IN PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, 40% IN
24 SOCIAL SERVICES, 30% IN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, BUT THERE ARE
25 OVER 17 DEPARTMENTS THAT TOUCH KIDS IN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.



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1 PROBATION, MENTAL HEALTH, HEALTH SERVICES. AND THIS STARTS
2 SHOWING THE COMPLICATION, HOWEVER, OF TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH THE
3 OUTCOMES. IN CHILDREN SERVICES ALONE, THEY HAVE 18 SEPARATE
4 FUNDING STREAMS. MENTAL HEALTH, NINE SEPARATE. PROBATION,
5 EIGHT. 56% OF THE MONEY IS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, 26%
6 FROM THE STATE. AND THIS CHART WHICH WAS DEVELOPED BY MARGARET
7 DUNKEL IN WASHINGTON IS ONE OF THE BEST DEMONSTRATIONS THAT
8 I'VE SEEN IN A LONG TIME OF HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO TRANSFORM
9 THE BUREAUCRACY INTO A INTEGRATED SERVICE SYSTEM. EVERY ONE OF
10 THOSE LINES IS A PROGRAM THAT IS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OR
11 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THEY HAVE THEIR OWN FUNDING STREAMS, THEY
12 HAVE THEIR OWN REQUIREMENT, THEY HAVE THEIR OWN CATEGORIES AND
13 THEY HAVE THEIR OWN RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT PREVENT US FROM
14 SHARING DATA. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR TWO YEARS ON A PROJECT
15 CALLED THE PASSPORT SYSTEM IN CHILDREN'S SERVICES TO TRY TO
16 DEVELOP A SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS US TO START SHARING DATA. IT IS
17 VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SHARE DATA ACROSS THESE LINES, LET
18 ALONE FUNDING SOURCES, AND YET ALL OF US KNOW THAT YOU CANNOT
19 BE SUCCESSFUL IN TREATING AND DEALING WITH THE CHALLENGES OF
20 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES UNLESS YOU CAN COLLAPSE ALL OF THESE
21 PROGRAMS AND DEAL WITH THEM SEPARATELY. UNINCORPORATED AREA,
22 794 MILLION DOLLARS IS SPENT ON THE MILLION PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF
23 INCORPORATED CITIES, AND THIS IS ONLY 4.8% OF THE BUDGET. IT'S
24 6.7% OF THE GENERAL FUND. SO WHEN SOMEBODY TALKS ABOUT HOW IS
25 A COUNTY DIFFERENT THAN A CITY, THIS IS YOUR CITY BUDGET



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1 ESSENTIALLY. THIS IS THE BUDGET THAT YOU HAVE THAT'S
2 COMPARABLE TO WHAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES PROVIDES TO THE
3 UNINCORPORATED AREA. IT IS LESS THAN 5% OF THE TOTAL BUDGET.
4 MOST OF, CLEARLY, MOST OF THE REQUIRED EXPENDITURES IN THE
5 COUNTY ARE FOR REGIONAL SERVICES. NOW WE'LL HAVE A STRATEGIC
6 PLAN FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA ALSO. THERE ARE DIFFERENT
7 MODELS THAT ARE WORKING IN EACH OF THE DISTRICTS TO TRY TO
8 DETERMINE THE BEST WAY TO DELIVER THE SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE
9 THAT LIVE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA. ECONOMIC OUTLOOK, AS I
10 INDICATED, PEOPLE ARE NOW TALKING ABOUT 2004 FOR A IMPROVEMENT
11 IN THE ECONOMY. NO ONE IS PREDICTING A DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENT,
12 SLOW. THE QUICKNESS OF THE WAR, HOPEFULLY, IN IRAQ WILL MAKE A
13 DIFFERENCE IN THE ECONOMY. THE STOCK MARKET, WHICH CAUSED THE
14 STATE'S BIGGEST PROBLEM, SEEMS TO BE DOING BETTER, BUT WE HAVE
15 A LONG WAY TO GO TO COME OUT OF THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THAT
16 WE'RE DEALING WITH IN CALIFORNIA. PROPERTY TAX AS I INDICATED
17 IS -- CONTINUES TO BE REASONABLY STRONG. 6.2% PROPOSED GROWTH.
18 ACTUAL REDUCTIONS IN REVENUES, REALIGNMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY,
19 VEHICLE LICENSE FEES, WHICH HAVE BEEN STRONG, PRIMARILY DUE TO
20 THE 0% FINANCING. WE BELIEVE THAT JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY THAT
21 CAN AFFORD A CAR HAS BOUGHT A CAR AND WE'RE GOING TO START
22 SEEING A SLOWDOWN IN VEHICLE LICENSE FEES. ONLY A COUPLE OF
23 MORE CHARTS. THIS WE HAVE BEEN DOING SINCE '98/'99. THE COUNTY
24 HAS A SURPLUS FROM L.A.C.E.R.A. RETIREMENT SYSTEM THAT EXISTED
25 FROM AN AGREEMENT THAT THE BOARD MADE IN '94. IT IS, HOWEVER



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1 IT DOES NOT GROW AND THE COUNTY IS OBLIGATED TO PAY ITS SHARE
2 OF CONTRIBUTION TO MAINTAIN THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM. AND THERE
3 WAS AN ARTICLE, A LARGE -- QUITE AN ARTICLE LAST WEEK IN THE
4 BUSINESS JOURNAL ON "SAGGING MARKETS HIT PENSION FUND BALANCES
5 LOCALLY" AND IT TALKS ABOUT THE CITY OF L.A. HAVING TO COME UP
6 WITH 90 MILLION MORE NEXT YEAR FOR THEIR BUDGET. THE CITY OF
7 SANTA MONICA DOUBLING THEIR DEFICIT. IT'S SOMETHING THAT ALL
8 JURISDICTIONS ARE SEEING IN CALIFORNIA BOTH AS A RESULT OF THE
9 MARKET AND ALSO AS A RESULT OF BENEFIT INCREASES. WE HAD
10 ORIGINALLY THOUGHT THAT IN FIVE YEARS WE WOULD BE ABLE TO
11 SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF THE SURPLUS BY REBUILDING OUR
12 CONTRIBUTIONS. NOW WE'RE PROJECTING BY 2005 AND 2006 THAT WE
13 WILL JUST ABOUT BE THERE AND JUST ABOUT WHEN WE GET THERE THE
14 MARKET PROBLEMS HIT L.A.C.E.R.A.'S FUNDING AND WE WILL BE
15 LOOKING AT ALMOST A 300 MILLION DOLLAR A YEAR JUMP IN THE
16 COUNTY OBLIGATION TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, WHICH WILL TAKE IT
17 FROM ABOUT 500 MILLION DOLLARS TO ALMOST 800 MILLION DOLLARS
18 IN '07 AND '08. AND THIS CHART IS ONE THAT SACRAMENTO DOESN'T
19 LIKE TO TALK ABOUT, AND EVERY TIME WE DO IT GETS MORE AND MORE
20 SCARY. WHEN THE LEGISLATURE TRANSFERRED PROPERTY TAX DURING
21 THE WILSON ADMINISTRATION TO DEAL WITH THE LAST SIGNIFICANT
22 BUDGET SHORTFALL, THEY TOOK MONEY FROM CITIES AND COUNTIES AND
23 THEY GAVE IT TO SCHOOLS PROPERTY TAX, AND THAT SAVED THE STATE
24 MONEY. AND THEY SAID, DON'T WORRY, WE'LL GIVE YOU PROP 172
25 BACKFILL THAT YOU CAN USE IN PUBLIC SAFETY. AND IN 1999 AND



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1 '00 WE HAD 487 MILLION IN PROP 172, AND WE TRANSFERRED 958
2 MILLION TO SCHOOLS IN PROPERTY TAX. NEXT YEAR WE ARE -- WE
3 WILL TRANSFER 1.2 BILLION DOLLARS IN COUNTY PROPERTY TAX TO
4 SCHOOLS. WE ONLY RECEIVE 1.7 BILLION ON TOP OF THAT. 500
5 MILLION IS THE REIMBURSEMENT FROM PROP 172. WE ARE 700 MILLION
6 DOLLARS A YEAR SHORT AS A RESULT OF THE STATE TAKING OUR
7 PROPERTY TAX. JUST THINK WHAT YOU COULD DO WITH 700 MILLION
8 DOLLARS A YEAR IN LOCAL DISCRETIONARY RESOURCES THAT WE SEND
9 EVERY YEAR TO SCHOOLS. WORKERS' COMPENSATION, 19% INCREASE IN
10 THE PROPOSED BUDGET, 57 MILLION DOLLAR COST. ONE OF THE
11 SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. YOU CAN SEE
12 WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE COSTS. CASES ARE NOT DRAMATICALLY
13 GROWING. THE COSTS, HOWEVER, ARE DRAMATICALLY GROWING AND
14 WORKERS' COMPENSATION IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED.
15 MADAM CHAIR, THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION. WE'D BE HAPPY TO
16 ANSWER -- ATTEMPT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE.

17
18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PERHAPS WE COULD HEAR FROM THE PEOPLE
19 WHO'VE REQUESTED TO SPEAK. 660 HAD REQUESTED THAT THEY BE
20 GIVEN PRIORITY AND THEY WOULD ONLY HAVE THREE SPEAKERS. WE
21 WOULD HAVE -- I'LL HAVE SOMEONE GO OUT AND SPEAK TO THE
22 REPRESENTATIVES FROM RANCHO TO FIND OUT HOW MANY PEOPLE THAT
23 THEY WISH TO HAVE AND WHAT THEIR TIMETABLE IS OF WHEN THEY
24 HAVE TO GET THEIR TRANSPORTATION. SO AT THIS TIME, I'LL



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1 RECOGNIZE ANNELLE GRAJEDA, BERNIBE RODRIGUO RIVAS, AND PAT
2 STENEHIJEM. [APPLAUSE] [CHANTING]

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, THE TIME WILL NOW
5 START AND THEN WE WILL TAKE FROM THE TIME -- ALL RIGHT, WE'RE
6 GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE -- WHO IS THE PERSON WHO'S DIRECTING
7 THEM BACK THERE, WOULD THE SHERIFF GO BACK THERE AND ADVISE
8 THAT PERSON THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE THE TIME OFF.
9 WHOEVER IT IS WHO'S THE CHEERING LEADER, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE
10 THE TIME AWAY FROM THE SPEAKERS THAT IS UTILIZED. WE RECOGNIZE
11 YOU, YOU'VE HAD A CHANCE TO BE HEARD. SO WE'RE GOING TO ASK
12 NOW THAT EVERYONE PLEASE GIVE THE RESPECT TO THE SPEAKERS.
13 WE'LL HAVE NO CHEERING. YOU CAN PUT YOUR SIGNS UP. ANYONE --
14 COULD SOMEONE EXPLAIN TO THE GENTLEMAN OVER THERE WHAT THE
15 RULES ARE, AND HE CAN SIT THERE AS LONG AS HE UNDERSTANDS THE
16 RULES. IF HE NEEDS SOMEONE TO ASSIST HIM IN UNDERSTANDING
17 THEM, WE CAN GET SOMEONE TO EXPLAIN THEM. BUT YOU CAN LIFT
18 YOUR -- PUT YOUR SIGNS UP. WE'RE NOT HAVING ANY VOCAL
19 DEMONSTRATIONS AND WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO GIVE EVERYONE A
20 CHANCE TO BE HEARD, BUT WE CAN ONLY DO THAT IF WE HAVE
21 COOPERATION. ALL RIGHT. YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

22

23 **ANNELLE GRAJEDA:** MY NAME IS ANNELLE GRAJEDA, MORNING
24 SUPERVISORS, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WHAT YOU'RE OBSERVING
25 HERE IS FRUSTRATION, I KNOW FRUSTRATION THAT YOU FEEL ALSO,



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1 BUT OUR MEMBERS ARE UNDERSTANDABLY FRUSTRATED AND DEMORALIZED
2 BY LOSING THEIR JOBS -- OR A PROPOSAL TO LOSE THEIR JOBS -- OR
3 ACTUALLY, A DECISION TO LOSE THEIR JOBS AND NOT BE ABLE TO
4 PROVIDE THE SERVICES TO THE PATIENTS THAT THEY SO DESPERATELY
5 NEED. AND THAT'S WHAT YOU HEAR AND SEE TODAY. WE'RE HERE AGAIN
6 TODAY TO URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER THE PLANNED JUNE 30TH CUTBACKS
7 AND THE CLOSURES OF THE HOSPITALS THAT PROVIDE THE VITAL
8 HEALTH SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE
9 DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF THESE CLOSURES ON PEOPLE ALL ACROSS LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY HAVE BEEN WELL-DOCUMENTED SINCE THE DEPARTMENT
11 OF HEALTH SERVICES REDESIGN PLAN WAS FIRST UNVEILED ABOUT TEN
12 MONTHS AGO. THE SWORN STATEMENTS OF DOCTORS AND PATIENTS AND
13 HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WHICH HAVE BEEN FILED IN THE FEDERAL
14 COURT AS PART OF A LAWSUIT AIMED AT BLOCKING THE CLOSURES HAS
15 ONCE AGAIN BROUGHT TO LIFE THE HUMAN CONSEQUENCE OF SHUTTING
16 DOWN KEY ELEMENTS OF AN ALREADY OVERBURDENED HEALTH CARE
17 DELIVERY SYSTEM. AT L.A.C.U.S.C., ACCORDING TO AN EXPERT IN
18 EMERGENCY MEDICINE WHO'S VISITED THE HOSPITAL OVER THE PAST
19 TWO MONTHS, OVERCROWDING IN THE E.R. IS THE WORST IN THE
20 NATION. THIS CONTINUES TO RESULT IN TRAGIC, PREVENTABLE
21 FATALITIES AS PATIENTS DIE IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM WHILE THEY'RE
22 WAITING FOR DAYS TO RECEIVE CARE DUE TO LACK OF AVAILABLE
23 BEDS. THE CLOSURE OF 50 BEDS AT L.A.C.U.S.C., PART OF A
24 PLANNED 100 BED REDUCTION OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS WOULD
25 EXACERBATE THIS BOTTLENECK IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM, LEADING TO



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1 LONGER WAIT TIMES AND EVEN GREATER NUMBER OF PREVENTABLE
2 DEATHS. AND WITH THE DIVERSION OF AMBULANCES AWAY FROM L.A.C.
3 U.S.C. ALREADY APPROACHING THE 75% RATE THE CLOSURE OF
4 ADDITIONAL BEDS AT L.A.C.U.S.C. THREATENS TO OVERWHELM THE
5 ENTIRE PUBLIC PRIVATE TRAUMA SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
6 WHEN YOUR BOARD VOTED SEVERAL YEARS AGO TO REPLACE
7 L.A.C.U.S.C. WITH A SMALLER 600 BED HOSPITAL IT WAS ARGUED
8 THAT A STRENGTHENED AMBULATORY CARE SYSTEM WOULD KEEP PATIENTS
9 OUT OF HOSPITAL BEDS. SINCE THAT TIME 16 OF THE COUNTY'S
10 OUTPATIENT CLINICS HAVE BEEN CLOSED. TERTIARY CARE IN L.A.
11 COUNTY IS BEING CENTRALIZED AT L.A.C.U.S.C. WHILE THE NUMBER
12 OF UNINSURED IN L.A. COUNTY CONTINUES TO GROW. UNDER THESE
13 CONDITIONS, SEVERE DOWNSIZING AT L.A.C.U.S.C. WOULD BE
14 DISASTROUS. DON'T CLOSE BEDS AT L.A.C.U.S.C. [APPLAUSE].

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ASK SOMEONE -- AS
17 THEM NOT TO APPLAUD FOR US TO KEEP IT GOING.

18

19 **ANNELLE GRAJEDA:** OKAY, THANKS SO MUCH. SIMILARLY THE BED
20 SHORTAGES IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY MEAN THAT THE PLANNED CLOSURE
21 OF HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL WOULD SIMPLY LEAVE PATIENTS WITHOUT
22 CARE IN ONE OF THE LARGEST AND FASTEST GROWING REGIONS OF THE
23 COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTED ON A CASE LAST YEAR
24 WHEN A DOZEN OF THE AMBULANCES STACKED UP OUTSIDE ANTELOPE
25 VALLEY HOSPITAL WHILE PATIENTS AND PARAMEDICS WAITED FOR HOURS



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1 BECAUSE A 28-BED FACILITY OR THE EMERGENCY ROOM WAS FULL. FROM
2 A SYSTEM ALREADY STRAINING TO KEEP UP WITH GROWING COMMUNITY
3 NEEDS, HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL IS ON THE VERGE OF BEING
4 ELIMINATED, REMOVING A SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE AND THE ONLY
5 RESOURCE PRIMARILY SERVING LOW-INCOME AND INDIGENT RESIDENTS.
6 THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO EXPAND AMBULATORY CARE IN THE REGION
7 THROUGH A NEW MULTI SERVICE AMBULATORY CARE CENTER, THE
8 M.A.K., BUT THE SAME POPULATION PRESSURES THAT SUPPORT THE
9 NEED FOR MORE COMPLETE AMBULATORY CARE ALSO ARGUES FOR
10 CONTINUING PATIENT -- INPATIENT SERVICES THERE. SO
11 SUPERVISORS, IF HIGH DESERT CLOSES, WHERE ARE PATIENTS GOING
12 TO GO? SOME ARGUE THAT THEY CAN GO TO A DOWN-SIZED
13 L.A.C.U.S.C., WHERE WE SEE A REDUCTION OF 100 BEDS. 75 MILES
14 MEANS THAT STABILIZED PATIENTS WILL BE TRANSPORTED, SOMETIMES
15 ON LIFE SUPPORT, FOR AT LEAST AN HOUR UNDER THE BEST TRAFFIC
16 CONDITIONS AT A COST EXCEEDING \$2,000 PER AMBULANCE TRIP TO A
17 FACILITY THAT HAS AN AVERAGE ADJUSTED DAILY COST, NEARLY \$300
18 HIGHER THAN HIGH DESERT'S. 75 MILES MIGHT BE UNDERSTANDABLE
19 IN, SAY, RURAL MEXICO OR SOUTHEAST ASIA BUT IT WOULD NEVER BE
20 TOLERATED IN HAVANA OR BRITISH COLUMBIA AND IT IS AN
21 UNACCEPTABLE BARRIER TO CARE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
22 SUPERVISORS, DON'T CLOSE HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER. ALL RIGHT.

25



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1 **ANNELLE GRAJEDA:** YOU KNOW, THERE'S ONLY THREE OF US. THIS IS
2 SUCH AN IMPORTANT DECISION, WE ASK FOR A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME,
3 SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M GIVING YOU TIME BUT THE ONLY THING IS
6 WHEN PEOPLE START CLAPPING I IMMEDIATELY ASSUME THEY WANT TO
7 GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

8

9 **ANNELLE GRAJEDA:** THANKS.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
12 TO -- GO RIGHT AHEAD.

13

14 **ANNELLE GRAJEDA:** OKAY. AND FINALLY, SUPERVISORS, DON'T CLOSE
15 RANCHO LOS AMIGOS. FOR THE PAST 37 DAYS ON THE CAMPUS OF
16 RANCHO A COURAGEOUS AND DETERMINED GROUP OF PATIENTS, ONE OF
17 WHOM IS HERE WITH ME TODAY AND WHO WILL SPEAK, OTHERS YOU SEE
18 IN THE AUDIENCE. A DETERMINED GROUP OF PATIENTS, FAMILY
19 MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS HAVE HELD A ROUND-
20 THE-CLOCK VIGIL AT THE RANCH. A TENT ENCAMPMENT AND SUPPORT
21 CENTER FOR THIS HEALTHCARE INSTITUTION. PATIENTS WITH
22 DISABILITIES HAVE ELECTED TO MAKE THIS SACRIFICE TO CALL
23 ATTENTION TO JUST HOW MUCH WOULD BE LOST IF WE WERE TO -- AND
24 HOW THE COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WOULD BE LESSER IF WE
25 WERE TO ALLOW THE CLOSURE OF RANCHO. LIVES WOULD BE LOST



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1 BECAUSE RANCHO IS IRREPLACEABLE AND BECAUSE RANCHO SAVES
2 LIVES. ON FRIDAY JUDGE FLORENCE MARIE COOPER ISSUED A
3 TENTATIVE ORDER GRANTING A PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR A
4 PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION TO BLOCK THE CLOSURE OF RANCHO, AND I
5 QUOTE, "UNTIL SUCH TIME AS D.H.S. CAN ASSURE THE COURT THAT
6 RANCHO'S PATIENTS WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE COMPARABLE
7 INPATIENT OR OUTPATIENT MEDICAL SERVICES AND THAT THEY WILL
8 RECEIVE SUCH SERVICES IN A TIMELY MANNER AND TO THE SAME
9 EXTENT AS MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL POPULATION WITH INSURANCE,"
10 JUDGE COOPER FOUND THAT "IF RANCHO CLOSES THE EVIDENCE BEFORE
11 THE COURT DEMONSTRATES THAT MANY OF THE NEEDS OF THESE
12 PATIENTS AND HUNDREDS LIKE THEM COULD NOT AND WOULD NOT BE MET
13 IN THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF A LACK OF AVAILABLE
14 BEDS, LACK OF CARE OR COMPARABLE COORDINATION, CONTINUITY,
15 EXPERIENCE AND OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS." SHE CONCLUDES, "IT IS
16 ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO THE COURT THAT THE HARM TO THE PLAINTIFFS,
17 IF RANCHO CLOSES, FAR OUTWEIGHS THE HARM TO THE COUNTY IF IT
18 STAYS OPEN." SUPERVISORS, REGARDLESS OF HOW THIS COURT CASE
19 TURNS OUT, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR
20 POWERS TO KEEP OPEN THESE NEEDED FACILITIES. THE PASSAGE OF
21 MEASURE B AND THE NEGOTIATIONS OF FEDERAL AND STATE WAIVER
22 NEGOTIATIONS REMOVES SOME OF THE MOST IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL
23 PRESSURES ON THE DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDES SOME SPACE FOR
24 CONTINUED EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE REMAINING BUDGET DEFICIT.
25 LOCAL 660 HAS EMPLOYED THE SERVICES OF MICHAEL SPIVEY, ONE OF



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1 THE NATION'S FOREMOST EXPERTS ON THE BYZANTINE WORLD OF PUBLIC
2 HEALTH FINANCING. MR. SPIVEY WILL BE PRESENTING FOR YOUR
3 CONSIDERATION A REPORT OUTLINING A LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY FOR
4 BRINGING INTO THE SYSTEM NEW ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND RESOURCES
5 EVEN IN THIS TIME OF RECORD STATE AND FEDERAL -- EVEN IN THIS
6 TIME OF BUDGET DEFICITS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING THIS
7 REPORT WITH YOU AND WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOU AND
8 WE ASK THAT YOU WORK WITH US TO SAVE HIGH DESERT, TO SAVE
9 RANCHO AND TO SAVE L.A.C.U.S.C., THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE STATE YOUR
12 NAME.

13

14 **PATRICIA STENEHIJEM:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS PATRICIA
15 STENEHIJEM, I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL.
16 I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE. MY DAUGHTER IS A PATIENT, SHE'S BRAIN
17 DAMAGED, VERY SEVERELY BRAIN DAMAGED AND REQUIRES TOTAL CARE,
18 AND SHE IS IN THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITY AT HIGH DESERT,
19 WHERE SHE'S RECEIVED EXCEPTIONAL CARE FOR 18 YEARS NOW. THIS
20 IS -- HIGH DESERT IS HER HOME AND THE PEOPLE THERE HAVE
21 TREATED HER LIKE THEIR OWN CHILD, THEY'RE -- LIKE THEY'RE HER
22 FAMILY, ALSO AND MINE AS WELL AND I JUST CAN'T CONCEIVE OF YOU
23 CLOSING THE FACILITY. IT WAS GEM AT THE TIME THAT MY DAUGHTER
24 WAS PLACED THERE AND IT STILL IS A GEM. IT'S JUST SUCH A
25 WONDERFUL PLACE THAT PROVIDES SUCH GOOD CARE AND SO MEETS THE



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1 NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY THERE. I MEAN, I -- TO ME THIS IS JUST
2 A PERSONAL TRAGEDY. IT'S A TRAGEDY FOR MY CHILD, SHE'S NOW
3 ALMOST 40 YEARS OLD, AND JUST -- I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT HER
4 LIFE WOULD BE LIKE IF HIGH DESERT SKILLED NURSING FACILITY
5 CLOSES. I'VE ALREADY DISCUSSED POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR HER CARE
6 WITH THE SOCIAL SERVICES PERSON AT HIGH DESERT. WE ARE SEEING
7 LOTS OF DOORS CLOSED. I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE IS ANY
8 COMPARABLE CARE ANYWHERE, EVEN IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AND
9 I JUST WOULD ASK YOU TO PLEASE RECONSIDER, TO PLEASE DO
10 EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO KEEP THIS FACILITY OPEN. THANK
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, YES SIR?

14

15 **RODRIGUO RIVAS:** MY NAME IS RODRIGUO RIVAS AND I'VE BEEN AT THE
16 CITY FOR TO NOW UP 30-SOMETHING DAYS. AND I APPRECIATE IT
17 PLEASE RECONSIDER THE TO CLOSE RANCHO BECAUSE I WAS OVER THERE
18 FOR THE PATIENTS THAT CAN GO OUTSIDE AND PROTEST DON'T CLOSE
19 RANCHO, FOR THE PEOPLE WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO GO AND I HEARD
20 ONE OF -- ONE OF THE PATIENTS WHO WAS IN THE THIRD FLOOR THEY
21 TOLD ME HE DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO A NURSERY HOUSE BECAUSE HE'S
22 GOING TO DIE. RANCHO LOS AMIGOS PROVIDES THE MEDICAL
23 ASSISTANCE. SO THIS IS REAL IMPORTANT FOR ME AND THE OTHER
24 PATIENTS THEY GOT THE BRAIN DISORDERS, AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS.
25 WHAT YOU GOING TO DO WITH PEOPLE? WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO SEND



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1 THE PEOPLE? AND THE FIRST WEEK I HEARD LIKE ONE BILLION IS
2 SPENT IN BONDS. RANCHO JUST TO NEED A COUPLE DOLLARS TO KEEP
3 IT OPEN. WE APPRECIATE IT AND MAY I SAY THAT I DON'T HAPPEN
4 HERE IF IT WASN'T FOR THE NURSES, WHEN I CAME HERE I WAS IN
5 BIG DEPRESSION. I'M THINKING IN SUICIDE AND RANCHO PULLED ME
6 OUT OF THE HOLE. SO SO FAR WHATEVER I DO IS NOTHING FOR RANCHO
7 BECAUSE WITHOUT RANCHO, I'M DEAD. AND RIGHT NOW OF THE 180
8 PERSON IS DEPENDENT, THANK YOU TO RANCHO TO SHOW ME HOW TO DO
9 IT. RIGHT NOW THERE ARE ANOTHER 20% THIS WEEK, WHEN I GET MY
10 LICENSE I'M GOING TO BE 200% DEPENDENT. THAT'S FOR THE PEOPLE
11 THEY NEED TO STAY OVER THERE TO LEARN HOW IT CAN BE DEPENDENT
12 BECAUSE TRAUMA THEY SAVE LIFE, FOR RANCHO THESE ARE LIVING,
13 AND THAT'S JUST THE MORE IMPORTANT TO THE PATIENT OVER THERE,
14 TO BE MORE INDEPENDENT AND TO BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY IN
15 MAKING -- THEY DON'T LET IT CHANGE THE LIFE -- OVER THERE IN
16 THE LINE, SO THEY CAN WORK AND LEARN HOW TO BE MORE USEFUL FOR
17 THE COMMUNITY AND I APPRECIATE IT YOU CONSIDER TO CLOSE RANCHO
18 WAS WHEN YOU PROBABLY GOT KIDS AND YOU NEVER KNOW, PROBABLY IF
19 YOU CLOSE RANCHO, YOU MIGHT -- YOU'RE GOING TO NEED IT AND YOU
20 DON'T WANT TO GO ALL THE WAY TO MISSISSIPPI, THAT'S A MAJOR
21 HOSPITAL OVER THERE. AND THAT'S NUMBER 6, I MEAN NUMBER TEN
22 AND 6,000 HOSPITALS. THAT'S THE ONLY HOSPITAL WE GOT RIGHT
23 HERE AND THE COST, AND PLEASE, PLEASE, FOR THE PATIENT THAT'S
24 INSIDE OF THE HOSPITAL THAT NOT BE ABLE TO COME HERE AND
25 PROTEST, PLEASE CONSIDER NOT CLOSING RANCHO. I REALLY



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1 APPRECIATE IT. AND SAY THEY NEED MONEY FOR KEEPING RANCHO
2 OPEN. I BUY THIS TICKET, I BUY THIS TICKET IF YOU GOT THE I
3 MEAN THE MONEY'S OVER THERE FOR LAUREL, THAT'S MY DONATION,
4 THAT'S I WANT TAKING. SO IF I COULD DO, THIS IS THE PRAYER FOR
5 ME, TO TELL RANCHO I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BE HERE, AND THAT
6 THE DAYS I SPEND OVER THERE THEY TEACH ME HOW I CAN BE MORE
7 INDEPENDENT, AND I HAD TO SAY TAKE IT TO RANCHO. THEY DON'T
8 SHOW ME -- I MEAN THEY DON'T SHOW ME TO HOW TO BE INDEPENDENT
9 RIGHT OUTSIDE OF THE HOSPITAL, BUT AT THE SAME TIME I LEARN
10 THAT'S HOW AND THANK YOU TO RANCHO FOR ME TO BE FOR ME IN THAT
11 SITUATION I LEARN SOMETHING ELSE. THAT IS WHAT I SAID, 100% I
12 MEAN, 180% INDEPENDENT RIGHT NOW AND IF YOU DO -- IF THEY
13 CLOSE RANCHO, THE PEOPLE, THEY'RE GOING TO SEND TO THE NURSING
14 HOUSE THEY'RE GOING TO BE SITTING RIGHT THERE, DO NOTHING, IN
15 RANCHO THEY LEARN HOW TO DO THE THINGS. IN NURSING HOUSE THEY
16 ARE NOT GOING TO SHOW ANYTHING AND THEN IT'S GOING TO COST YOU
17 100 MILLION MORE BECAUSE TO KEEP THE RANCHO THAT'S ONLY 18
18 MILLIONS AND YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND 133 MILLIONS IN NURSING
19 HOUSE. YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND MORE MONEY THE RANCHO -- PLEASE,
20 PLEASE, I'M BEGGING TO YOU, TO YOUR HEART, PLEASE, CONSIDER
21 IT, DON'T CLOSE RANCHO BECAUSE NOT ONLY ME, THERE'S A LOT OF
22 PEOPLE BEHIND ME, WHO WILL NEED THE HOSPITAL IN THE FUTURE, I
23 HOPE NOT. THEY'RE GOING TO NEED A HOSPITAL, MOST OF THE PEOPLE
24 AND THEN -- PLEASE.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
2 VERY TOUCHING TESTIMONY. THANK YOU. DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOUR
3 TESTIMONY?

4

5 **RODRIGUO RIVAS:** YES.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

8

9 **RODRIGUO RIVAS:** THAT CONCLUDES OUR SPEAKING LIST TODAY.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **RODRIGUO RIVAS:** THAT BELONGS TO VALERIE, THE ONE IN
14 ADMINISTRATION, SHE'S GOING TO KEEP THOSE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN.

17

18 **RODRIGUO RIVAS:** THANK YOU FOR RECEIVING ME HERE AND LETTING ME
19 SPEAK.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

22

23 **RODRIGUO RIVAS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE
2 WHO'VE ASKED TO SPEAK AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RANCHO
3 CONTINGENCY -- DO WE HAVE ALL OF YOUR CARDS TO RECOGNIZE YOU?
4 I'LL START CALLING THEM NOW. BETH ANN MOODY, GENEVIEVE
5 CLAVREUL, JUDY MAGANA, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD. WE HAVE
6 OTHER CARDS ON PEOPLE WHO'VE ASKED TO SPEAK ON THE RANCHO
7 ISSUE OR -- WE'RE TAKING BOTH HEALTH, BUDGET AND RANCHO AT
8 THIS TIME. IF WE HAVE BOTH OF THEM. ALL RIGHT. BETH ANN MOODY,
9 AND JUDY MAGANA, ARE YOU COMING FORWARD? OKAY, ALL RIGHT. YES,
10 WOULD YOU PLEASE START.

11

12 **BETH ANN MOODY:** YES MY NAME IS BETH ANN MOODY AND I'M FROM
13 LAKEWOOD. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD TODAY WITH THE
14 POEM CALLED "HELLO FRIENDS." THIS WAS WRITTEN BY LYNN VU, A
15 LAB TECHNICIAN, AT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS. AND HERE IT GOES. HELLO
16 FRIENDS, HAVE YOU NOTICED ME? I'M A WHEELCHAIR CARRYING A
17 BEAUTIFUL PERSON JUST LIKE YOU. WE MAKE A PAIR. LOVE IS WITHIN
18 SILENCE AND ME AND MY RIDER. AS YOU SEE WHOEVER WE ARE, WE ARE
19 NEVER SHORT OF PATIENCE. YOU MAY WANT TO GO FOR A STROLL ON A
20 NICE DAY AT THE RANCH AND SAY HELLO TO EVERYONE HERE AND SHARE
21 YOUR LOVE WITH ALL. 100 YEARS HAVE GONE BY. MY EXISTENCE AT
22 THE RANCH MEANS DESTINY. WITNESSING LOVE FOUND AMONG STAFF AND
23 PATIENTS. HELLO, MY FRIENDS, HAVE YOU NOTICED ME?" AND THEN
24 LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE AND ASK THE



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1 REST OF THE BOARD TO NOT TURN YOUR BACK ON YOUR CONSTITUENTS
2 AND KEEP RANCHO LOS AMIGOS OPEN. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, WOULD NANCY WATSON PLEASE
5 START COMING FORWARD. YES.

6

7 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, GOOD AFTERNOON TO
8 ALL YOU BOARD MEMBERS. I THINK, YOU KNOW, HERE WE ARE AGAIN. I
9 THINK A LOT OF DECISIONS WE HAVE MADE AS USUAL WITH NOT THE
10 FACTS. I THINK IF YOU HAD RECEIVED COMMENT EARLY ON AND
11 LISTENED TO THE COMMAND OF THE COMMUNITY, WE WOULD NOT BE
12 WHERE WE ARE TODAY. WE WOULD NOT BE FACING CLOSING OF HIGH
13 DESERT, WE'D BE NOT CLOSING RANCHO AMIGOS AND WE CERTAINLY
14 WOULD NOT REDUCE BEDS AT U.S.C. MANY OF US WENT TO SOME OF THE
15 MEETINGS DEALING WITH THE BUDGET, DEALING WITH THE CLOSURE. WE
16 WERE NEVER GIVEN THE REAL FACTS. WE NEVER HAD THE FIGURE TO
17 MAKE A DECISION, AND I'M SURE YOU DON'T HAVE THEM EITHER. AND
18 I THINK YOU KNOW THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF WASTE OF TIME, A LOT
19 OF PEOPLE HURT IN THE PROCESS. AND, YOU KNOW, WE ARE AT A TIME
20 WHERE IT IS ALMOST TOO LATE TO REVERSE THE DECISION. IN THE
21 FUTURE I HOPE YOU TAKE YOUR DECISION WITH INPUT FROM THE
22 PUBLIC. ANY TIME WHEN WE COME TO A BOARD MEETING, YOU HAVE
23 ALREADY DECIDED ON WHICH WAY YOU'RE GOING TO VOTE. I HAVE BEEN
24 COMPLAINING THAT FROM THE BEGINNING FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS.
25 YOU HAD MADE THE DECISION TO CLOSE RANCHO LOS AMIGOS, TO CLOSE



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1 HIGH DESERT AND TO REDUCE THE BEDS AT U.S.C. WITH ABSOLUTELY
2 NO INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC OR THE PEOPLE WHO COULD HELP YOU, WHO
3 HAVE KNOWLEDGE IN THE HEALTH CARE. AND THIS HAS TO STOP. I
4 MEAN IT GOES ON EVERY DAY. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A CRISIS IN THE
5 BUDGET AND ALL OF YOU ACCEPT FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ARE IN
6 CUBA, GETTING LESSON FROM CASTRO HOW NOT TO HAVE A DEMOCRACY.
7 IT'S APPALLING, YOU KNOW, I AM APPALLED! I AM APPALLED, YET IN
8 THE LAST FEW MONTHS ALL THE MEETINGS WHICH INVOLVED THE
9 COMMUNITY ABOUT THE BUDGET HAVE BEEN CANCELLED, YOU KNOW, WHY
10 BOTHER ME WITH THE FACTS, I'VE ALREADY MADE MY DECISION. BUT I
11 TELL YOU WHAT, I KNOW THE PEOPLE WILL FIGHT AND I HOPE YOU
12 HAVE A CERTAIN INJUNCTION THAT YOU CANNOT CLOSE RANCHO LOS
13 AMIGOS OR ANYTHING ELSE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY -- NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE,
16 STATE YOUR NAME.

17

18 **JUDY MAGANA:** HI I'M JUDY MAGANA. AND I'M HERE FOR YOU GUYS TO
19 RECONSIDER CLOSING. WHEN I GOT INJURED I WAS UNABLE TO -- I
20 HAD GIVEN UP AND I HAD TO LEARN HOW TO DRESS MYSELF AND HOW TO
21 DO EVERYTHING IN A DIFFERENT WAY. BUT RANCHO HELPED ME TURN MY
22 LIFE AROUND AND IT'S GIVEN ME HOPE THAT I COULD STILL BE
23 WHATEVER-- WHATEVER I WANTED TO ACHIEVE. I'M A PROUD MOTHER OF
24 AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD GIRL THAT THIS MORNING SHE SAW THE NEW -- I
25 THINK IT WAS GOOD DAY, L.A. AND SHE HEARD THAT YOU GUYS NEEDED



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1 18 BILLION OR SOMETHING AND SHE SAID, "MOM, I HAVE \$800, I'LL
2 GIVE THEM MY \$800 TO SAVE RANCHO 'CAUSE I KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT
3 FOR YOU." I MEAN IF A LITTLE GIRL REALIZES HOW IMPORTANT IT
4 IS, WHY CAN'T YOU GUYS SEE THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO
5 KEEP IT OPEN? YOU KNOW, I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL AND
6 EVERYTHING AND I'M ALSO GOING TO GIVE BACK TO WHAT THEY'VE
7 GIVEN ME, SO IF YOU GUYS COULD REALLY RECONSIDER BECAUSE
8 RANCHO DOES CHANGE LIVES AND MAKES US MORE INDEPENDENT.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PLEASE STATE YOUR
11 NAME, AND MICHAEL ANTHONY ROMERO AND BARRY HARTZ. STATE YOUR
12 NAME, PLEASE.

13

14 **NANCY WATSON:** NANCY WATSON, COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS. WE ARE
15 TESTIFYING TODAY NOT IN SUPPORT OF CLOSING RANCHO FOR SEVERAL
16 REASONS AND WE BELIEVE THAT CAPACITY FOR EQUIVALENT TREATMENT
17 DOESN'T EXIST EITHER IN THE COUNTY OR THE HOS -- THE COUNTY OR
18 THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO ABSORB THE PATIENTS, PARTICULARLY HIGH-
19 NEED PATIENTS, REHAB PATIENTS. D.H.S. WILL NOT INCREASE
20 RESOURCES AT THE HOSPITALS RECEIVING THESE PATIENTS, YET THE
21 BLUE CONSULTING REPORT INDICATES THAT THERE WILL BE A LARGE
22 INCREASE IN PATIENT DAYS AT THESE HOSPITALS. THE NATIONAL
23 HEALTH FOUNDATION STUDY SAYS THAT THERE WILL BE 300 BEDS SHORT
24 OF THE NEED IN THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING 250 UNINSURED
25 PATIENTS, AND I BELIEVE APPROXIMATELY 200 OF THOSE ARE IN EAST



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1 L.A. ALSO THE BLUE CONSULTING REPORT ESTIMATED COST SAVINGS UP
2 TO 40 MILLION DOLLARS LESS THAN WHAT THE COUNTY ANTICIPATES.
3 AGAIN, WE JUST WANT TO REITERATE THAT THE CAPACITY TO TREAT
4 THESE PATIENTS JUST DOES NOT EXIST IN THE COMMUNITY THEREFORE
5 WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO LOOK AT OTHER OPTIONS IN MAINTAINING THESE
6 SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY, THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PLEASE STATE YOUR
9 NAME.

10

11 **MICHAEL ROMERO:** MICHAEL ROMERO. I GOT DISCHARGED TWO MONTHS
12 AGO FROM RANCHO. I HAD GOT A GUNSHOT WOUND DUE TO A MEMBER OF
13 MY FAMILY SHOT ME. IT WAS A STEP-UNCLE WHO SHOT ME AND, YOU
14 KNOW, FOR WHATEVER REASON HE DID IT, HE DID IT AND I'VE GOT TO
15 MOVE ON WITH MY LIFE NOW. BUT I WAS CONSIDERED -- I WAS
16 PRONOUNCED DEAD THREE TIMES AT GENERAL HOSPITAL AND DOCTORS
17 THERE TOLD ME I WOULD NOT, YOU KNOW, WALK AGAIN AND MOVE
18 ANYTHING. THEY SAID I WAS GOING TO BE LIKE CHRISTOPHER REEVES
19 AND AS SOON AS I HEARD THEM TALKING ABOUT SENDING ME TO
20 RANCHO, YOU KNOW, I WAS EXCITED BECAUSE ALL I HEARD -- NOTHING
21 BUT GOOD STUFF OUT OF THE HOSPITAL, THE DOCTORS AND NURSES,
22 THAT'S THE BEST HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW THAT I COULD GO TO. I WENT
23 TO RANCHO, I MEAN YEAH, TO RANCHO. THEY STARTED WORKING WITH
24 ME, SLOWLY BUT SURELY, I GOT THERAPISTS THERE THAT HELPED ME
25 GET THROUGH THAT. AND IT'S BEEN A LONG ROAD BUT, YOU KNOW, A



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1 SLOW PROCESS, BUT IT'S AT THAT POINT THAT I CAN MOVE NOW, MY
2 ARMS AND WITHOUT RANCHO, YOU KNOW, I MEAN AND HEARING ALL THE
3 GOOD STUFF THAT CAME OUT OF RANCHO, YOU KNOW, AND MIRACLES,
4 ANGELS BEING OVER THAT HOSPITAL, I WAS EXCITED TO GET THERE,
5 AND I DID IT AND I DID EVERYTHING THEY TOLD ME TO DO AND NOW
6 I'M INDEPENDENT. IT'S VERY -- IT'S BEEN VERY, VERY
7 FRUSTRATING. IF YOU GUYS WOULD COME IN OUR SHOES AND FEEL WHAT
8 WE FEEL, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND. I MEAN YOU GUYS CAN'T DO IT. YOU
9 CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WE GO THROUGH BUT, YOU KNOW, WE GO ON
10 WITH OUR LIVES AND YOU GO ON WITH YOUR LIVES. BUT WHAT I'M
11 TRYING TO SAY IS PLEASE KEEP RANCHO OPEN. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE
14 YOUR NAME.

15

16 **BARRY HARTZ:** BARRY HARTZ, I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE
17 CALIFORNIA TEA PARTY, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY TO THE MEMBERS
18 OF THE BOARD THAT I VERY MUCH UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE AND
19 GREATLY SYMPATHIZE WITH THE POSITION THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THIS
20 STATE HAS PUT YOU IN. IN THE FIRST FOUR YEARS OF THE DAVIS
21 ADMINISTRATION, IF THE COST OF THE BUDGET HAD GROWN BY
22 POPULATION AND INFLATION, THE STATE BUDGET WOULD HAVE GROWN BY
23 21%. IN THAT SAME PERIOD OF TIME REVENUE INCREASED AT THE
24 STATE LEVEL BY 28%, THERE WOULD BE A 5 BILLION DOLLAR SURPLUS.
25 BUT THE STATE GOVERNMENT DID NOT KNOW HOW TO CONSTRAIN THEIR



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1 SPENDING AND AS A RESULT THEY SPENT AT 37%. WE HAVE
2 INFORMATION FOR YOU TODAY THAT INDICATE THE HIRING OF THE
3 STATE OF 44,500 EMPLOYEES AND AS I SAT HERE TODAY AND SAW THE
4 PRESENTATION OF THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES THAT YOU'RE HAVING TO
5 LAY OFF, I AM ASTOUNDED THAT THE LAYOFFS NEED TO OCCUR. BUT
6 THEY NEED TO OCCUR IN SACRAMENTO. SACRAMENTO HAS NOT ONE
7 DOLLAR THAT DID NOT COME OUT OF THE CONSTITUENTS OF LOS
8 ANGELES COUNTY AND EVERY CITY -- AND EVERY COUNTY WITHIN THE
9 STATE. ON JUNE 9TH, A MONDAY, AT NOON IN SACRAMENTO, ON THE
10 NORTH STEPS OF THE CAPITOL, WE'RE HOSTING A PRESS CONFERENCE
11 AND WE ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WILL BE 15 OR MORE STATE SENATORS
12 ON THOSE STEPS, 32 OR MORE STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS WITH THE
13 MESSAGE TO THE GOVERNOR THAT THEY ARE GOING TO SAY NO TO THE
14 BUDGET UNTIL SACRAMENTO ROLLS BACK THE SPENDING AND DOES NOT
15 IMPACT HERE AT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT. I'D CALL UPON EVERY
16 MEMBER OF THIS COUNCIL AND EVERYONE WITHIN THE SOUND OF MY
17 VOICE TO CONTACT YOUR ASSEMBLYMAN, YOUR STATE SENATOR, TELL
18 THEM TO SUPPORT THE CALIFORNIA TEA PARTY, TELL THEM TO STAND
19 UP AS LEGISLATIVE PATRIOTS WHEN THE BUDGET VOTE COMES THIS
20 SUMMER, BECAUSE THE HORRENDOUS PAIN EXPRESSED IN THIS
21 COMMUNITY TODAY IS NOT FAIR, IT'S SIMPLY BECAUSE SACRAMENTO
22 HAS DIVERTED YOUR MONIES AND YOU SHOULDN'T BE IN THE POSITION
23 AND SO WE ARE HERE AS HUMAN SHIELDS. THANK YOU.
24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JERRY SCOOTER, ROBERT
2 HANENGER, I THINK THAT'S RIGHT, AND MICHAEL ATKINS, WOULD YOU
3 PLEASE COME FORWARD. LILIBETH, WE'RE GOING TO CALL YOU NEXT
4 AFTER THAT.

5

6 **REVEREND JERRY SOOTER:** MY NAME IS REVEREND JERRY SOOTER AND
7 I'M HERE TODAY WITH, ALONG WITH BARRY HARTZ FOR THE CALIFORNIA
8 TEA PARTY. I, TOO, HAVE BEEN MOVED BY WHAT I'VE WITNESSED.
9 PROFESSIONALLY I'M A MORTICIAN AND CEMETERIAN AND THERE'S TWO
10 THINGS THAT NONE OF US CAN ESCAPE, DEATH AND TAXES. AT LEAST
11 WE CAN PREPARE FOR DEATH, PAY THOSE THINGS IN ADVANCE, BUT I
12 HAVE RECOGNIZED AND YOU HAVE, TOO, THAT WE CAN'T GET READY FOR
13 TAXES, AND WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING. GOVERNOR DAVIS AND THE
14 RED INK DIARIES, WHY SHOULD WE RAISE TAXES BEFORE WE ADDRESS
15 THE MASSIVE WASTE, INEFFICIENCIES AND OUTRIGHT FRAUD IN THE
16 GOVERNMENT. HERE'S AN EXAMPLE FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.
17 GOVERNOR DAVIS SAYS HE PROPOSES BUDGET -- PROPOSED BUDGET
18 CONTAINS NO TRICKS, NO GIMMICKS, NO EVASIONS. DAVIS BUDGET
19 CLAIMS THAT HIS OWN PERSONAL OFFICE HAS A STAFF OF 86
20 EMPLOYEES WITH ANNUAL SALARIES OF 5.94 MILLION DOLLARS. BUT
21 THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, USING THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
22 ACT FOUND THAT THE GOVERNOR ACTUALLY HAS STAFF OF 198. THE
23 TRUTH IS, THERE'S 112 OF DAVIS' PERSONAL AIDES IN SALARIES
24 TOTALING 7.7 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY, ARE HIDDEN IN THE
25 BUDGETS OF VARIOUS STATE DEPARTMENTS. IN OTHER WORDS DAVIS'



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1 GIMMICK-FREE BUDGET HIDES FROM THE TAXPAYER THE EXISTENCE OF
2 57% OF HIS PERSONAL STAFF AND SALARIES. IF THE GOVERNOR CANNOT
3 BE TRUSTED TO HONESTLY ACCOUNT FOR SPENDING IN HIS OWN
4 PERSONAL OFFICE, WHY BELIEVE WHAT HE HAS TO SAY ABOUT THE REST
5 OF HIS PROPOSED BUDGET. AT A TIME WHEN REAL LEADERSHIP AND
6 GENUINE BIPARTISAN COOPERATION ARE ESSENTIAL HE'S CREATING THE
7 GRAND CANYON OF CREDIBLE GAPS, INCREDIBLE GAPS. THE FACT IS,
8 IN 1998 THERE WAS 271,254 CALIFORNIA STATE EMPLOYEES, BY 2002
9 THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES INCREASED BY MORE THAN 50,000 TO
10 322,227 STATE EMPLOYEES. DAVIS STAFFERS WHOSE SALARIES ARE
11 PAID BY OTHER DEPARTMENTS. THIS IS A LIST OF 112 EMPLOYEES OF
12 GOVERNOR DAVIS' PERSONAL OFFICE WHOSE SALARIES HAVE BEEN
13 HIDDEN IN BUDGETS IN VARIOUS AGENCIES. LINDA ADAMS IS THE
14 GOVERNOR'S DIRECTOR OF ASSEMBLY RELATIONS AND CHIEF DEPUTY
15 LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY, SHE IS PAID \$112,320 A YEAR. HER SALARY
16 IS HIDDEN IN THE BUDGET OF DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. I WANT TO
19 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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21 **REVEREND JERRY SOOTER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND JERRY SOOTER --.

24
25 **REVEREND JERRY SOOTER:** THAT WAS ME.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY THAT WAS YOU, ALL RIGHT, AND PLEASE
3 STATE YOUR NAME.

4

5 **MIHALE ATKINS:** MIHALE ATKINS, I AM AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST
6 AT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHAB CENTER. FIRST I WOULD LIKE
7 TO THANK MR. KNABE FOR YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS.
8 IT'S BEEN INCREDIBLY HARD TO CONTINUE AND GIVE EXCEPTIONAL
9 CARE TO ALL THE PATIENTS THAT HAVE NEEDED IT AND WE REALLY
10 APPRECIATE IT.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAY I ALSO ASK CHERYL PARSONS TO START
13 COMING FORWARD, TOO. THANK YOU.

14

15 **MIHALE ATKINS:** AN AFFLUENT SOCIETY LIKE OURS IS MEASURED BY
16 HOW IT TAKES CARE OF OUR POOR AND NEEDY. MOST OF THE EMPLOYEES
17 AT RANCHO WORK THERE BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE IN A MISSION.
18 BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE IN A MISSION, A MISSION TO HELP PEOPLE
19 WITH SEVERE INJURIES AND TRAUMA, TO MAKE SENSE OF THEIR LIVES,
20 HEAL AND FIND MEANING AND BEING PRODUCTIVE, TAX-PAYING
21 CITIZENS. IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS, I'VE GOTTEN CALLS FROM OTHER
22 HOSPITALS, ASKING QUESTIONS THAT TO US SEEM INCREDIBLY BASIC.
23 A KAISER SUPERVISOR TOLD ME "WHAT DO I DO WITH PERSONS WITH
24 HYDROTROPLEGIA," WHICH IS ALSO QUADRIPEGIA. WE JUST RECEIVED
25 TWO AND I HAVE NO PROGRAM FOR THEM, THIS IS INCREDIBLE, THIS



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1 IS WHAT WE DO, THIS IS OUR EXPERTISE. HOW CAN YOU MESS WITH
2 OUR EXPERTISE, OF TAKING CARE OF THE MOST SEVERE CASES IN THE
3 COUNTY, AND IN CALIFORNIA? ALL OF US WILL FIND NEW JOBS, IT IS
4 NOT ABOUT OUR JOBS, IT IS NOT ABOUT OUR -- IT IS ABOUT OUR
5 MISSION. OUR MISSION TO TAKE CARE OF THE MOST SEVERE, POOR,
6 DISABLED PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY AND IN CALIFORNIA. PLEASE KEEP
7 RANCHO OPEN. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE].

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LILIBETH NAVARRO I CALLED SOME
10 TIME AGO, DID LILIBETH COME FORWARD? I DON'T SEE HER. OH HERE
11 SHE COMES, ALL RIGHT, WELL WHY DON'T YOU GO FORWARD -- WHY
12 DON'T YOU SPEAK FIRST, AND THEN SHE'LL BE UP IN A MOMENT.
13 STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

14

15 **CHERYL PARSONS:** MY NAME IS CHERYL PARSON. GOOD AFTERNOON. JUST
16 QUICKLY, I SUFFERED A SEVERE ASTHMA ATTACK AND STOPPED
17 BREATHING FOR TEN MINUTES. I WAS IN A COMA FOR FOUR WEEKS. I
18 WAS EVENTUALLY TAKEN TO RANCHO. I WAS UNABLE TO WALK, UNABLE
19 TO BRUSH MY HAIR, FEED MYSELF, DO ANY MOTOR SKILLS. FORGIVE MY
20 -- I'M NERVOUS, THEY LITERALLY --

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S OKAY, TAKE YOUR TIME.

23

24 **CHERYL PARSONS:** TAUGHT ME HOW TO WALK AGAIN. THEY PUSHED ME
25 AND PUSHED ME AND TAUGHT ME HOW TO WALK AGAIN. I CAN WALK



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1 REALLY WELL. THE ONLY THING THAT'S STILL THERE IS MY EYESIGHT
2 THAT WAS AFFECTED DUE TO THE LACK OF OXYGEN AND SOMETIMES MY
3 MEMORY. YOU COULD -- I IMPORE YOU TO PLEASE KEEP RANCHO OPEN
4 TO GIVE OTHER PATIENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET THAT KIND OF
5 CARE BECAUSE THEY WENT FROM MY BEGINNING TO WHERE I WAS
6 BETTER, INCLUDING HER, SHE'S ONE OF MY -- SHE WAS -- WELL,
7 SHE'S ONE OF MY THERAPISTS. AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR COMING AND GOOD LUCK TO YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, LILIBETH AND DID ROBERT HANENGER
12 DID HE SPEAK ALREADY? ALL RIGHT. ORLANDO VILLEDIO PLEASE COME
13 FORWARD AND JOANNE MONTEZ.

14

15 **LILIBETH NAVARRO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, DEAR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME'S LILIBETH NAVARRO AND I LIVE IN LOS
17 ANGELES. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF AN INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER IN
18 CENTRAL LOS ANGELES CALLED "TO LIFE." I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO
19 PARTICIPATE WITH MY COMRADES AT TENT CITY BUT EVERY DAY THAT I
20 WASN'T THERE IT PAINED ME. I HAD TO BE BEHIND MY DESK, ALSO
21 STRUGGLING TO KEEP OPEN OUR CENTER. I'M HERE TO SPEAK FOR
22 RANCHO. IT MAY BE THE LAST TIME BUT I AM GOING TO DO IT AND
23 I'M ALSO GOING TO SPEAK FOR MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ALSO
24 USE THE HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL FACILITY. THERE ARE MANY OF US,
25 THOUSANDS OF US IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BANKING ON



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1 FACILITIES LIKE RANCHO. I HEARD SOMEONE HERE SAYING THAT IT IS
2 WHERE POOR, DISABLED PEOPLE COME TO GET THEIR BEARINGS. IT'S
3 HOSPITALS LIKE RANCHO ARE NOT JUST PLACES WHERE WE GET OUR
4 BEARINGS. WE SEE RANCHO AS A BASTION OF HOPE. WE SEE IT
5 PROBABLY, YOU KNOW, AS THE -- THE PROSTHESIS THAT WE USE, THE
6 WHEELCHAIRS, THE CANES, THE AIDES THAT ALLOW US TO GO ON FROM
7 DAY TO DAY. RANCHO IS NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN OBLITERATE WITH A
8 BUDGET CRISIS. IT WILL LIVE ON. THE EXPERTISE THAT WE HAVE
9 BUILT WILL LIVE ON. WHATEVER HAPPENS TO THE COURT CASE WILL
10 HAPPEN. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT IT'S GOOD YOU'RE GOING UP THERE
11 BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO HELP. IT DOESN'T MATTER BUT ONE THING I
12 WANT TO POINT OUT TO THE BOARD IS CAN YOU BEAR TO BE THE
13 PEOPLE WHO GO DOWN IN HISTORY, WHO PUT IT AWAY? I WOULD LIKE
14 TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR SUPPORTING US. I'M SURE THAT THE
15 REST OF YOU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORT US BUT DON'T BE
16 SCARED. DON'T BE SCARED WITH A BUDGET CRISIS. WE'RE NOT SCARED
17 WITH OUR DISABILITIES. THEY'RE TEMPORARY SETBACKS, THEY WILL
18 MAKE US STRONG, THESE DAYS I'M SUFFERING FROM POST-POLIO
19 SYNDROME, I COULD BARELY GET UP FROM MY BED THIS MORNING BUT I
20 KNEW THERE WAS A RALLY HERE. I KNEW EVEN IF I WAS FALLING FROM
21 MY CHAIR I HAD TO BE HERE. SO MONEY SHOULDN'T SCARE US. WE'RE
22 STRONGER! WE'RE STRONGER THAN THESE BUDGET SHORTFALLS. IF WE
23 CAN SEND ROCKETS TO THE MOON, WE CAN KEEP RANCHO OPEN, THANK
24 YOU. [APPLAUSE].

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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3 **ORLANDO VILLED0:** YES MY NAME IS ORLANDO VILLED0. I'M A PASTOR
4 NOW, I'VE BEEN A PATIENT OF RANCHO FOR 38 YEARS AND WHEN I
5 CAME FROM CUBA THEY TOLD ME I COULD ONLY LIVE TO BE 18, 19,
6 THE MOST, 20 YEARS OLD. I WAS AT RANCHO FOR THREE YEARS AS AN
7 INPATIENT AND I'VE BEEN AN OUTPATIENT FOR A LONG TIME AND DUE
8 TO THEIR HELP, I WAS ABLE TO GRADUATE IN COLLEGE. I AM
9 INDEPENDENT. I DON'T RELY ON ANY MONEY FROM THE GOVERNMENT. I
10 AM A SENIOR PASTOR OF A CHURCH AND I BELIEVE THAT IF RANCHO
11 DOES CLOSE, A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL BE STUCK. THEY WILL NOT BE
12 ABLE TO KNOW WHAT TO DO. THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE
13 INDEPENDENT AND THEY WILL BE RELYING ON THE SYSTEM FOR A LONG
14 TIME. I ASK TO PLEASE CONSIDER KEEPING RANCHO OPEN BECAUSE IT
15 MADE ME INDEPENDENT TO BE A PASTOR OF A CHURCH, IT HAS HELPED
16 MANY, MANY, MANY PEOPLE AND ARE GOING TO STILL DO IT AND IF
17 YOU CLOSE RANCHO, I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT EMOTIONALLY WILL
18 GO DOWN SO FAR THAT THEY WILL DIE. SO I ASK PLEASE TO CONSIDER
19 TO KEEP RANCHO OPEN.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE].

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME PLEASE.

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1 **JOANNE MONTEZ:** HI, MY NAME IS JOANNE MONTEZ AND I'M A PATIENT
2 OF RANCHO. I'VE BEEN A PATIENT FOR EIGHT YEARS. AT THE TIME OF
3 MY CAR ACCIDENT I WAS A SINGLE PARENT OF TWO, I WAS A FULL-
4 TIME COLLEGE STUDENT AT CAL STATE LONG BEACH. I WAS AN
5 OUTPATIENT AT RANCHO FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS FOLLOWING MY
6 ACCIDENT AND AT THE TIME I WAS UNABLE TO MOVE MY HANDS, MY
7 LEGS, AND MY UPPER TORSO. I'M AN INCOMPLETE QUAD. BEING A
8 PATIENT AT RANCHO THEY HELPED ME TO SUSTAIN MY WAY OF LIFE IN
9 ORDER TO BE ABLE TO GET MY KIDS BACK. WITHIN A YEAR WE HAD OUR
10 OWN APARTMENT. I WAS BACK IN SCHOOL. I HAVE NOW GRADUATED AND
11 I AM THE COMPLETE RECOVERY FROM RANCHO AND I WANT TO THANK
12 RANCHO AND I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THIS CAN HAPPEN TO
13 ANY ONE OF YOU OR ANY ONE OF YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS. IF YOU WOULD
14 HAVE TOLD ME THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME A WEEK BEFORE MY
15 ACCIDENT, I WOULD HAVE SAID "YOU KNOW WHAT? I WOULD RATHER
16 DIE." BUT IT WAS BECAUSE OF RANCHO THAT THEY KEPT ME -- THEY
17 GAVE ME THE WILL TO LIVE AGAIN. THE PATIENTS, THE STAFF, THE
18 DOCTORS. PEOPLE WOULD COME IN TO SEE ME, FORMER PATIENTS AND
19 TELL ME THERE IS LIFE AFTER DISABILITY. I WOULDN'T HAVE
20 BELIEVED IT A WEEK BEFORE MY ACCIDENT. BUT NOW I AM FULL OF
21 LIFE. I SEE MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS HERE AND I ALSO VOLUNTEER
22 AND GIVE BACK TO THOSE WHO HAVE JUST BEEN INJURED. SO I ONLY
23 PRAY THAT NONE OF THIS EVER HAPPENS BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? PEOPLE
24 BECOME DISABLED EVERY DAY, FROM CAR ACCIDENTS, GUNSHOT WOUNDS,
25 SPORTS ACCIDENTS, SO IF YOU CLOSE RANCHO, IT'S VITAL TO KEEP



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1 IT OPEN. WE NEED TO HAVE IT THERE, IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE
2 COMMUNITY, AS FOR THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF
5 THE NAMES WE HAVE. ARE THERE COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OR
6 QUESTIONS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASK? IF NOT, THIS ITEM IS A
7 RECEIVED ITEM. AND WHAT DO WE -- IS APPROPRIATE ACTION?

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR YOU NEED TO ORDER SUCH REVISIONS,
10 ADDITIONS, CHANGES TO THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS AS DEEMED
11 NECESSARY, APPROVE THE REVISED FIGURES AS THE PROPOSED BUDGET
12 FOR '03/'04, INSTRUCT THE AUDITOR TO HAVE NECESSARY COPIES
13 PRINTED, ORDER THE PUBLICATION OF NECESSARY NOTICES AND SET
14 MAY 14TH, 2003 AS THE DATE IN WHICH PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS
15 BEGIN, SO YOU NEED TO TAKE ACTION.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO MOVED.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED AND SECONDED, IS THERE
20 OBJECTION?

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, CALL THE ROLL.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I DIDN'T GET THE SECOND, WHO'S?

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL IT'S TWO PEOPLE OBJECTING, IT'S THE
4 VOTE IS 3-2.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND MADAM CHAIR, FOR THE RECORD --

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME? THE MOTION -- WOULD YOU LIKE TO
9 STATE IT AGAIN MR. JANSSEN, IS TO ACCEPT THE --

10

11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YOU HAVE TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET FOR
12 DISTRIBUTION, SET THE PUBLIC HEARING --

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES I ASKED IF ANYONE WANTED TO SPEAK.

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SHE ASKED.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WAITED A LONG TIME, NO-ONE SAID ANYTHING
19 AND SO THEN I SAID IS WHAT THE ACTION ON HERE TO FILE AND HE
20 SAID NO, THERE HAS TO BE OFFICIALLY A MOTION, WHICH HE READ,
21 AND THEN MR. YAROSLAVSKY SAID HE SO MOVED. YES. SUPERVISOR
22 MOLINA?

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** BEFORE WE APPROVE THIS, I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR SOME
25 SPECIAL REPORTS THAT WOULD BE BROUGHT TO US IN CERTAIN AREAS,



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1 CERTAINLY I HAVE -- DAVID HAS PROVIDED A LOT OF LEADERSHIP IN
2 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND WITH REGARD TO THE SHERIFF'S
3 DEPARTMENT, AND SO I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE GET A REPORT BACK
4 AT THE MAY 14TH MEETING, 'CAUSE THAT'S WHEN WE ARE GOING TO BE
5 DOING -- OR HAVING -- THE BEGINNING OF OUR BUDGET HEARINGS. IS
6 THAT CORRECT, DAVID?

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YOU WILL BE TAKING TESTIMONY FROM THEM, THE
9 PUBLIC, ON MAY THE 14TH. DELIBERATIONS WILL BE THE END OF
10 JUNE.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT, BUT WHAT I'D LIKE IS A PILOT REVIEW AT
13 THAT TIME, IF POSSIBLE, FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND
14 MAKING A PRESENTATION AT THAT TIME. WOULD THAT BE POSSIBLE?

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THE INFORMATION REQUESTED
17 IS.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, IT WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON WHAT, I'M SORRY?

20

21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ON THE INFORMATION REQUESTED AND WHETHER OR
22 NOT THE SHERIFF CAN PRODUCE IT.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, AGAIN, WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT, YOU KNOW,
2 WHAT IT'S GOING TO COST AT EACH OF OUR STATIONS IN ORDER TO DO
3 THAT.

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5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IDENTIFYING THE COST OF -
6 -

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** IN THE PILOT PROGRAM THAT YOU'RE PROPOSING UNDER
9 THE BUDGET.

10

11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. OKAY.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA.

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA, YEAH.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND RIGHT NOW WE HAVE A PILOT THAT'S BEEN
18 PROPOSED IN THE BUDGET, BUT IN ORDER TO GET AN UNDERSTANDING
19 TO PROTECT IT, WE'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT A -- AT LEAST SOME
20 ANALYSIS FROM THE DEPARTMENT. WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THE
21 DEPARTMENT WITH REGARD TO IT. IT IS YOUR PROPOSAL. I THINK
22 IT'S A VERY SOLID PROPOSAL, IT MAKES SENSE TO ME, BUT I JUST
23 WOULD LIKE TO GET SOME BUY-IN FROM THE SHERIFF.

24

25 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL WE'LL COME BACK ON THE 14TH WITH --



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE SHERIFF WILL COME BACK ON THE 14TH.

3

4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, RIGHT.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** GOOD, BECAUSE IT'S PART OF THEIR DELIBERATIONS
7 AND WHAT THEY NEED TO DO. IN THE AREA OF MENTAL HEALTH, AGAIN,
8 AT THE BUDGET HEARING, THESE ARE ITEMS THAT ARE GOING TO HAVE
9 A DRAMATIC IMPACT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND IF
10 YOU COULD GET THEM TO DISCUSS WITH US THE A.B.-3632 PROGRAM AS
11 WELL AS THE S.B.-90 PROGRAM, THE 10 MILLION DOLLAR CURTAILMENT
12 PLAN AND WHAT'S GOING ON WITH IN-PATIENT PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES.
13 THOSE ARE AREAS THAT WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT IN THE MENTAL
14 HEALTH BUDGET, AND I'D LIKE MORE INFORMATION AT THAT TIME
15 CONSIDERING THE CURTAILMENTS. AGAIN, ON THE ISSUE OF THE
16 LIBRARY, I KNOW WHERE THERE'S BEEN SOME MONEY IN THERE, BUT
17 THIS IS THE AREA THAT IS GOING TO BE HIT I THINK IN THE
18 UNINCORPORATEDS VERY, VERY SEVERELY, AND SO IT WOULD
19 WORTHWHILE FOR ME AND I THINK FOR OTHER BOARD MEMBERS TO
20 UNDERSTAND IN OUR AREAS WHAT KIND OF CURTAILMENTS WE'RE
21 TALKING ABOUT WHEN IT COMES TO LIBRARY HOURS, LIBRARY
22 PROGRAMS, WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WITH STAFF IN THOSE AREAS.
23 I'D BE INTERESTED IN THAT. IN THE ISSUE OF MACLAREN, WE'VE
24 MADE A COMMITMENT THAT WE WOULD KEEP THE MACLAREN DOLLARS IN
25 OUR BUDGET, AND I KNOW THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HONOR THAT. I



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1 GUESS IT'D BE WORTHWHILE TO KNOW OR TO GET SOME KIND OF REPORT
2 FROM THE DEPARTMENT AS TO HOW THEY'RE GOING TO UTILIZE IT. WE
3 KNOW THERE'S BEEN AN AWFUL LOT OF EFFORT THAT HAS BEEN MADE TO
4 CREATE SORT OF A -- THE 23-HOUR FACILITIES IN THE VARIOUS
5 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS AND THAT SOME OF THIS MONEY IS
6 SUPPOSED TO BE GOING INTO THOSE AREAS. SO I GUESS I'D LIKE A
7 REPORT AS TO WHERE THEY ARE, OR HOW THEY INTEND ON DOING THAT,
8 BECAUSE IT'S AN AWFUL LOT OF MONEY, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, IF
9 YOU DON'T MONITOR IT RIGHT IT'S JUST GOING TO DISAPPEAR INTO
10 THE CHILDREN SERVICES BUDGET, WHICH I'M SURE WILL BE GOOD --
11 GO TO GOOD USE, BUT THE REALITY IS THAT THOSE ARE DOLLARS THAT
12 SHOULD BE KEPT AT LEAST FOR THOSE CHILDREN THAT ARE VERY HARD
13 TO MEET THE NEEDS. AND, LET'S SEE, THE LAST ONE I HAVE IS WITH
14 REGARD TO COUNTY COUNSEL. YOU KNOW, AGAIN, WE HAVE BEEN SEEING
15 A HUGE INCREASE. THERE'S A NUMBER OF SETTLEMENTS AND LAWSUITS
16 THAT ARE COMING BEFORE US. I HAVE A MOTION, IT'S A WRITTEN
17 MOTION, AND I'M GOING TO HAVE MY BOARD -- MY STAFF PASS IT OUT
18 TO EACH OF YOU, AND IT BASICALLY IS ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF
19 LITIGATION COSTS AND HOW MUCH MONEY WE ARE SPENDING, IT IS
20 JUST ALARMING. PROBABLY MANY OF THE PEOPLE, INCLUDING FOLKS
21 THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE VERY CONCERNED THAT
22 SOMETIMES WHAT WE'RE SPENDING ON LITIGATION IS COSTING US AS
23 MUCH AS PROVIDING SOME OF THE SERVICES THAT ARE VERY
24 ESSENTIAL. [MIXED VOICES].

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO CONSEQUENTLY, SO CONSEQUENTLY I AM MOVING THAT
2 DURING OUR BUDGET HEARING, I'D LIKE TO ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL,
3 THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, AND THE C.A.O. TO REPORT BACK TO US ON
4 AN UPDATE OF THEIR EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE SYSTEMS, INCLUDING
5 THE RISK MANAGEMENT AND INFORMATION SYSTEM, WHICH IS PART OF
6 TRACKING LITIGATION COSTS AND SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THAT THEY
7 HAVE BEFORE THEM, AN UPDATE ON HOW MUCH WE'RE SPENDING IN THIS
8 FISCAL YEAR COMPARED TO LAST FISCAL YEAR ON LITIGATION COSTS,
9 AND OUR ABILITY TO SAVE ANY PORTION OF THE 3.4 MILLION. AND,
10 OF COURSE, I WOULD LIKE TO AT LEAST HAVE A PLAN, WHETHER IT'S
11 DOABLE OR NOT, HOW IT'S DOABLE, I DON'T KNOW, SOME KIND OF A
12 PLAN TO CURB AT LEAST 5% IN LITIGATION COSTS. AGAIN, I THINK
13 IT'S WORTH THE EXERCISE TO LOOK AT THOSE OPPORTUNITIES TO DO
14 SO. WE ARE ASKING EVERY SINGLE DEPARTMENT TO ABSORB CUTS, THE
15 CUTS MIGHT BE VERY GREAT. THIS IS AN AREA THAT ALSO NEEDS TO
16 CUT BACK AND NEEDS TO FIND THAT WAY TO BRING IN SOME SAVINGS.
17 AND AGAIN, ALL I'M ASKING IS THAT THEY BRING THOSE
18 RECOMMENDATIONS TO US. AND THEN FINALLY, I'D LIKE THEIR PLAN
19 FOR IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE PUT TOGETHER IN
20 THE MARCH 25TH MEMORANDUM. THESE WERE THE -- SO THAT WE WILL
21 HAVE THEM IN PLACE AND KNOW ABOUT THEM BEFORE THE JULY
22 IMPLEMENTATION DATE. SO THOSE ARE MY REQUESTS.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE YOU ASKING THAT THESE BE REPORTED BACK
25 ON --



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** AT THE BUDGET HEARING.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AT THE BUDGET HEARING ON MAY 14? OKAY. ALL
5 RIGHT.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR?

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES?

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS SOON AS MS. MOLINA IS DONE, I HAVE SOME
12 QUESTIONS. I DIDN'T REALIZE WE WERE GOING TO GO ON WITH THIS,
13 I'D LIKE TO ASK THE HEALTH DIRECTOR AND PERHAPS MR. WELLS TO
14 COME FORWARD, AND WHILE THEY'RE DOING THAT, MR. JANSSEN, DOES
15 THE BUDGET YOU'VE PROPOSED ASSUME THAT THE SCENARIO TWO THAT
16 THE BOARD HAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED IS ENFORCED.

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SCENARIO THREE YES.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MEAN SCENARIO THREE.

21

22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT DOES ASSUME SCENARIO THREE SUPERVISOR.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO BE DISCUSSING THE
25 LEGAL ISSUES LATER IN CLOSED SESSION, BUT I DO WANT TO ASK IN



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1 THE CONTEXT OF THE TENTATIVE RULING OF THE FEDERAL JUDGE WHAT
2 THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS ARE FOR HER DECISION IF IT SHOULD
3 HOLD, AND ALSO WHAT THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS ARE IF SHE
4 SHOULD ISSUE A RESTRAINING ORDER OR AN INJUNCTION AGAINST US A
5 WEEK AFTER NEXT ON THE COUNTY U.S.C. BEDS.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** A POINT OF ORDER, I JUST DON'T -- ARE WE ON THE
8 HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OR ARE WE ON?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL IT'S -- I MEAN I'M ASKING QUESTIONS
11 ABOUT THE BUDGET.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH OKAY. I JUST THOUGHT BECAUSE IF YOU DIDN'T
14 ADOPT MY MOTION, I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WAIT A MINUTE. DID YOU WANT THE MOTIONS
19 ADOPTED? I THOUGHT YOU WANTED A REPORT BACK. YEAH, SO ALL
20 RIGHT IT'S --

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** ONE IS A MOTION BECAUSE IT'S MORE SPECIFIC BUT
23 THEY'RE ALL REPORTS BACK.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, IT'S BEEN MOVED BY MOLINA AND
2 SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE MOTIONS ARE
3 ADOPTED.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH AND PERHAPS, MR. PELLMAN, YOU COULD
6 KIND OF PAY ATTENTION TO THIS, TOO. I READ ALL THE BRIEFS LATE
7 LAST WEEK AND OVER THE WEEKEND AND THE RESPONSES, AND I GOT A
8 REPORT ON THE DELIBERATIONS YESTERDAY IN THE COURT, AND IT
9 APPEARS TO ME, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE JUDGE, DESPITE HER
10 ADMISSION OF ERROR YESTERDAY AT THE OUTSET OF THE HEARING ON
11 THE 900 MILLION DOLLAR ISSUE, WHICH WAS CLEARLY AN ERROR, THAT
12 SHE IS FOCUSED ON, IF NOT OBSESSED BY THE ISSUE, AND SHE CITED
13 OR THE PLAINTIFF CITED MR. LEAF'S TESTIMONY OR DECLARATION ON
14 THE SO-CALLED SURPLUS THAT EXISTS IN THE COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM
15 BUDGET THIS YEAR, OR NEXT YEAR AS IT WINDS DOWN TO ZERO IN THE
16 YEARS AHEAD. SO FAR, YOU ALL KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.
17 RIGHT? WHAT I WANT TO ASK, AND WHAT I THINK IS IMPORTANT FOR
18 US TO UNDERSTAND, AND I'M SURE FOR OTHERS AS WELL, IS ALL OF
19 THOSE NUMBERS THAT WERE SUBMITTED TO THE COURT AND ALL THE
20 ASSUMPTIONS UPON WHICH THOSE NUMBERS ARE BASED, I ASSUME ARE
21 BASED ALSO ON SCENARIO THREE. IS THAT CORRECT?

22

23 **FRED LEAF:** YES.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES?



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2 **FRED LEAF:** YES.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THAT IF ONE BELIEVES THAT THIS IS A
5 SURPLUS, WHICH, OF COURSE, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS AS WE LOOK
6 AT THIS THING OVER A MULTI-YEAR BASIS, JUST PARENTHETICALLY,
7 WE HAVE LOOKED AT THIS IN A MULTI-YEAR BASIS FOR THE PURPOSES
8 OF NOT FALLING OFF A CLIFF, THE CLIFF THAT WE WERE HEADED
9 TOWARDS AS A RESULT OF THE YEAR 2000 WAIVER AGREEMENT WITH THE
10 CLINTON ADMINISTRATION WHERE THEY DIDN'T GIVE US A FULL 5 YEAR
11 FUNDING, THEY GRADUALLY SIPHONED US OFF OF IT, SO THAT WE
12 WOULD BE AT ZERO AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS IN FEDERAL -- IN
13 THAT ELEMENT OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE. NOW WE HAD A LITTLE BIT OF
14 THAT REPLENISHED, A LITTLE BIT OF THAT REPLENISHED ON A ONE-
15 TIME BASIS IN THIS AGREEMENT THAT WAS ANNOUNCED IN FEBRUARY AT
16 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. BUT THE SO-CALLED SURPLUS, WHICH I STILL
17 HAVE TROUBLE WITH, BUT THE SO-CALLED SURPLUS IS BASED ON, JUST
18 SO WE ALL UNDERSTAND IT, BASED ON 357 MILLION OR THEREABOUTS
19 IN CUTS. AND, IS THAT CORRECT?

20

21 **FRED LEAF:** CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S YOUR SCENARIO THREE.

24

25 **FRED LEAF:** RIGHT.



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SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: TO THE EXTENT THAT WE DON'T MAKE THOSE CUTS,
WHAT I'D LIKE TO ASK, IF YOU CAN DO IT NOW, I THINK IT WOULD
BE HELPFUL. IF YOU CAN'T, THEN I'D CERTAINLY LIKE YOU TO GET
US A REPORT IN WRITING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THIS WEEK, NOT
WAIT UNTIL THE 14TH, 'CAUSE I'D AT LEAST LIKE TO HAVE THE
ANSWER TO THIS, ON AN ASSUMPTION-BY-ASSUMPTION BASIS WHAT
HAPPENS TO THE SURPLUS, HOW MUCH DOES OUR -- HOW -- BY HOW
MANY YEARS DOES OUR DEFICIT GET ACCELERATED. RIGHT NOW THE
DEFICIT HITS US IN '06, I BELIEVE THAT'S CORRECT. IF RANCHO
DOESN'T CLOSE, IF THE HUNDRED BEDS AREN'T CUT, IF SOME OF THE
OTHER ASSUMPTIONS THAT ARE IN YOUR SO-CALLED CUT PACKAGE DON'T
MATERIALIZE, HIGH DESERT, HIGH DESERT -- [MIXED VOICES].

14

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: SHHH! PLEASE, ALL RIGHT. HIGH DESERT, ALL OF
THE THINGS THAT ARE IN OUR SCENARIO THREE ASSUMPTIONS ON AN
ASSUMPTION-BY-ASSUMPTION BASIS, HOW FAST DO -- HOW MUCH SOONER
DO WE REACH A DEFICIT SITUATION OR, IN OTHER WORDS, HOW MUCH
SOONER DO WE FALL OFF THE CLIFF. CAN YOU ADDRESS THAT HERE?

20

DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE: YEAH, I CAN, ALTHOUGH WE DID SOME
PROJECTIONS JUST LAST NIGHT BASED ON RANCHO AND ON THE HUNDRED
BEDS, BECAUSE HIGH DESERT'S NOT PART OF ANY LAWSUIT OR
RESTRAINING ORDER AT THE PRESENT TIME, WE DIDN'T RUN THOSE
ASSUMPTIONS, WE COULD ADD THAT --



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL YOU CAN GET THAT TO US SUBSEQUENTLY BUT
3 AT LEAST LET'S START WITH THOSE.

4

5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** SURE. WELL LET'S JUST LOOK AT THE
6 CONCEPT THAT NO PATIENT CARE REDUCTIONS IN EITHER PLACE COULD
7 OCCUR, WE WOULD KEEP RANCHO OPEN AT THE FULL SIZE AND THAT WE
8 WOULD MAINTAIN THE HUNDRED BEDS AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. SO IN
9 2004/2005, INSTEAD OF BEING 197 MILLION TO THE GOOD, WE'D BE
10 75.5 MILLION IN THE HOLE, SO THAT'S A TWO-YEAR ACCELERATION OF
11 THE DEFICIT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S THE YEAR AFTER NEXT.

14

15 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. AND WE CAN, LET ME, I'LL JUST
16 PICK A COUPLE OF OTHER POTENTIAL SCENARIOS IF IT --

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT'S, EXCUSE ME, JUST SO I UNDERSTAND,
19 THAT'S JUST A STATUS QUO ANTE OF RANCHO AND COUNTY U.S.C.?

20

21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** AND THE HUNDRED BEDS RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND NOTHING ELSE?

24

25 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. GO AHEAD.

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4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** OH OKAY, I'M SORRY THAT ONE DOES
5 INCLUDE HIGH DESERT, I'M SORRY.

6

7 **FRED LEAF:** IT'S NO PATIENT CARE REDUCTIONS IN SCENARIO THREE
8 WOULD HAPPEN TO ARRIVE AT THAT NUMBER.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN OR OUT PATIENT?

11

12 **FRED LEAF:** YES IN OR OUT PATIENT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN EITHER OF THE THREE HOSPITALS?

15

16 **FRED LEAF:** YES.

17

18 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IF ONE LOOKED SIMPLY AT RANCHO STAYING
19 OPEN AT 207 BEDS FOR ONE YEAR THAT WOULD -- WE WOULD BE IN A
20 DEFICIT SITUATION IN 2005/2006, WE'D GO FROM A SURPLUS OF 34
21 TO A DEFICIT OF 24 MILLION.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY, WHAT WAS THAT, IF WHAT?

24



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IF RANCHO STAYED OPEN AT ITS FULL SIZE,
2 207 BEDS FOR ONE YEARS.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS OPPOSED TO INDEFINITELY?

5

6 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO AND THAT WAS SO GO AHEAD, IN '05/'06?

9

10 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IF IT STAYS OPEN, RIGHT, IF IT -- SO IN
11 '05 WE WOULD BE IN A DEFICIT SITUATION IN '05/ '06 INSTEAD OF
12 A SURPLUS.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND HOW MUCH WOULD THE DEFICIT BE?

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16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** 24.2 MILLION.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 24 MILLION.

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20 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE WERE PROJECTING 34 MILLION --

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SURPLUS OTHERWISE.

23

24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND DOES THAT ASSUME NO PATIENT CARE
2 REDUCTION IN THE OTHER TWO FACILITIES, OR DOES THAT ALSO
3 ASSUME THAT YOU'RE CUTTING THE 100 BEDS AT S.C. AND YOU'RE AND
4 THE HIGH DESERT CLOSES?

5

6 **FRED LEAF:** YES THIS IS JUST THE IMPACT OF DELAYING RANCHO AT
7 ITS CURRENT CAPACITY FOR ONE YEAR.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND EVERYTHING ELSE GETS CUT?

10

11 **FRED LEAF:** YES, YEAH.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT IN OTHER WORDS AND SOMEHOW AS I
14 WAS READING THE BRIEFS AND THE JUDGE'S TENTATIVE RULING I KIND
15 OF WANTED TO CALL HER UP, AND SAY "WAIT A DARN MINUTE HERE,"
16 ALL OF THE THINGS THAT WERE TROUBLING HER ABOUT THIS SITUATION
17 AND IT'S A VERY TROUBLING SITUATION FOR ALL OF US, MAKE NO
18 MISTAKE ABOUT THAT,0 BUT WHAT WAS TROUBLING HER IN PARTICULAR
19 WAS HER FEELING THAT WE WERE AWASH IN MONEY, AND BECAUSE WE
20 WERE AWASH IN MONEY THERE WAS NO HARM IN THE PRELIMINARY
21 INJUNCTION AND PRESUMABLY, YOU KNOW, WHO KNOWS WERE IT GOES
22 FROM THERE. AND SHE'S GOT THE U.S.C. CASE BEFORE HER IN A WEEK
23 AND I KEPT THINKING TO MYSELF "WELL WAIT A MINUTE, IF YOU
24 THINK WE'RE AWASH IN MONEY YOUR DECISION WILL ELIMINATE THAT
25 JUST LIKE THAT." SO IF WE ARE AWASH IN MONEY WE WILL NO LONGER



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1 BE AND THEN WE'RE BACK TO THE SITUATION WHICH WE'VE DESCRIBED
2 WHICH IS EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE. AND IS THAT A FAIR
3 CHARACTERIZATION FROM YOUR POINT OF VIEW, OF DEPENDING ON
4 WHETHER YOU COUNT HIGH DESERT, U.S.C., RANCHO OR ANY ONE OF
5 THOSE THREE OR THE CLINICS OR ANY OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT WE
6 HAVE BEEN -- M.L.K., SOME OF THE SCALED DOWN EFFICIENCIES
7 THERE AND OTHER PLACES, IS THAT RIGHT?

8

9 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** SURE I THINK WE'VE SPENT THE LAST YEAR
10 TOGETHER WORKING AS HARD AS WE COULD TO FIND A BALANCE BETWEEN
11 VARIOUS CUTS AND SCALING BACK AND ADDITIONAL REVENUE SOURCES
12 AND ANY CHANGE IN ANY OF THOSE WILL HAVE A CORRESPONDING
13 EFFECT SOMEWHERE ELSE, AND THAT'S SOME GAME.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO I JUST WANTED TO UNDERSTAND THAT CLEARLY
16 AND I WANTED TO GET THAT OUT IN THE OPEN BECAUSE I THINK THE
17 IMPLICATIONS OF WHAT WE'RE FACING HERE AND AGAIN I DON'T THINK
18 THERE'S A MEMBER HERE WHO APPRECIATES BEING PUT IN THE
19 POSITION, I HATE TO ADMIT IT BUT WHOEVER THE GENTLEMAN WAS WHO
20 CAME IN HERE AND SAID THE STATE'S PUT YOU IN THIS POSITION,
21 YOU KNOW, WE KIND OF FEEL THAT WAY, I'M REMINDED I MAY HAVE
22 USED THIS ONCE BEFORE HERE AND IF I DO I APOLOGIZE BUT IT'S
23 ONE THAT STICKS WITH ME AND IT'S A COMMENT THAT GOLDER MAYERE
24 MADE ABOUT 30 YEARS AGO, SHE SAID "I CAN FORGIVE OUR
25 ADVERSARIES FOR KILLING OUR SOLDIERS BUT I CAN'T FORGIVE OUR



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1 ADVERSARIES FOR FORCING US TO KILL THEIR SOLDIERS." AND IN A
2 WAY THAT'S THE WAY I THINK WE ALL FEEL, IS WE CAN MAKE THE
3 TOUGH DECISIONS ON OUR OWN, WHAT REALLY DRIVES ME UP A WALL IS
4 THAT SOMEBODY ELSE WHO WILL NOT TAKE ACCOUNTABILITY AND
5 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DECISION IS FORCING US TO DO THEIR
6 DIRTY WORK, AND THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO DOING IT THIS WAY,
7 WHAT WE NEED IS ENGAGEMENT AS WE DISCUSSED THIS MORNING AT
8 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S PRESS CONFERENCE AND THE ROMERO BILL AND
9 SOME OF THE OTHER LEGISLATION, THERE ARE THINGS THAT COULD
10 HELP US KEEP THIS HEALTH SYSTEM IN ITS TOTALITY IN A BETTER
11 SITUATION THAN IT CURRENTLY FINDS ITSELF, WHICH IS FACED WITH
12 A THREE QUARTERS OF A BILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT AND NONE OF THE
13 PROPOSALS THAT ARE BEFORE US OR BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE NOW IN
14 AND OF THEMSELVES SOLVE OUR TOTAL PROBLEM BUT LIKE MEASURE B
15 LAST YEAR, ROMERO BILL, SOME OF THE OTHER BILLS, IT CAN TAKE
16 US TO A POINT WHERE THE REMEDIES ARE A LITTLE MORE TOLERABLE
17 AND A LITTLE MORE AND MAYBE A LOT MORE MANAGEABLE THAN WHAT
18 WE'RE FACED WITH NOW. AND THAT TO ME IS THE FRUSTRATION THAT
19 WE ALL FEEL, IT'S VERY DIFFICULT FOR US, THIS IS THE END OF
20 THE FOOD CHAIN, WHEN THE FEDS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CUTS THE
21 ALLOCATION TO THE STATES AND WHEN THE STATE FACES A 35 BILLION
22 DOLLAR DEFICIT AND MAKES ITS CUTS ON OUR BACKS WE HAVE NOWHERE
23 ELSE TO TURN, WHO DO WE CUT, AND -- AND [MIXED VOICES] ALL
24 RIGHT NOW, JUST RELAX, AND WHEN WE HAVE THAT KIND OF A
25 SITUATION IT'S A ZERO SUM GAME FOR US, AND WE HAVE NO ABILITY



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1 TO PRINT FUNDS, PRINT CASH IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HALL OF
2 ADMINISTRATION, WE CAN'T AVOID BANKRUPTCY AS APPARENTLY THE
3 STATE THINKS IT CAN, WE CAN GO BANKRUPT AND ONE OF OUR
4 COUNTIES TO THE SOUTH DID GO BANKRUPT A FEW YEARS AGO, SO IT
5 IS NOT BEYOND THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY, AND THAT'S THE DILEMMA
6 WE FACE. SO I JUST WANTED TO UNDERSTAND THE NUMBERS BECAUSE
7 THE NUMBERS DO DRIVE THE HUMAN ISSUE HERE, IT'S NOT AS THOUGH
8 WE'RE JUST A BUNCH OF BEAN COUNTERS SITTING HERE, IT IS
9 HOWEVER THAT JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO WE WERE ALL TRYING TO SAVE
10 THE TRAUMA CENTERS AT HARBOR AND WE WERE TRYING TO SAVE THE
11 EMERGENCY ROOM AT OLIVE VIEW, AND WE COULDN'T DO IT ALL, AND
12 THAT IS THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED SOME HELP AND SOME ENGAGEMENT
13 IN ORDER TO DO IT ALL, THANK YOU GENTLEMEN.

14

15 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THANKS. MADAM CHAIR.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, ARE THERE QUESTIONS?

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH I, THIS IS FOR MR. GARTHWAITE, I THINK ONE OF
20 THE OTHER THINGS YOU NEED TO LOOK AT THOUGH IS, YOU KNOW,
21 THESE OTHER OPTIONS THAT WE TALKED ABOUT PREVIOUSLY, THERE
22 STILL IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REDUCE SIZE AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO
23 PROVIDE THE TRANSITION DOLLARS TO SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 18 AND 20
24 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR FOR RANCHO FOR THE ADDITIONAL YEAR OR
25 TWO TO OFFER THAT OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A NOT-FOR-PROFIT, THE



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1 CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION REPORT INDICATES THERE'S A
2 GREAT POSSIBILITY FOR THAT. INSIDE THAT AS YOU PREPARE THAT
3 ANALYSIS THAT ZEV ASKED FOR AND ONE OF THE OTHER OPTIONS, I
4 MEAN WE STILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY AS I UNDERSTAND IT TO SAVE
5 40 MILLION DOLLARS UNDER THAT SCENARIO. I MEAN IT'S NOT LIKE
6 WE'RE, YOU KNOW, AS IS, OR YOU'RE GOING TO ACCUMULATE, YOU'RE
7 STILL UNDER THAT SCENARIO AND UNDER THAT OPTION YOU STILL SAVE
8 40 MILLION DOLLARS THE FIRST YEAR. IS THAT CORRECT?

9

10 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT, AND WE HAVE A PROJECTION FOR
11 THE SMALLER SIZE OF RANCHO IF IT WERE TO STAY OPEN FOR AN
12 ADDITIONAL YEAR AT THE SMALLER SIZE WE WOULD STILL BE IN A
13 POSITIVE STATE INSTEAD OF 34 MILLION IN 2005/2006, IT WOULD BE
14 16 MILLION SO.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DON, CAN I JUST RESPOND TO YOU ON BRIEFLY?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** SURE.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE RIGHT WITH ONE PROBLEM, THAT THE
21 PLAINTIFFS IN THE CASE YESTERDAY HAVE ASKED THE JUDGE NOT TO -
22 - ESSENTIALLY NOT TO ALLOW US TO DO THAT.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** NO I UNDERSTAND THAT, I UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'VE
25 ASKED BUT I ALSO UNDERSTAND THERE'S DISCUSSIONS GOING ON AND



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1 AT SOME POINT THE JUDGE INDICATED, I MEAN AND AGAIN YOUR
2 COMMENT ABOUT THE DOLLARS AND THE JUDGE'S HANG- UP, HER
3 CONCLUSION WAS NOT DOLLAR BASED, HER CONCLUSION WAS BASED ON
4 COMPARABLE MEDICAL CARE FOR THOSE PATIENTS, YOU KNOW, AND NOT
5 DOLLARS SO [MIXED VOICES] I THINK, YEAH I AGREE THAT AND THAT
6 WAS ONE OF MY CONCERNS IF THE INJUNCTION GOES THROUGH AS IS IT
7 WOULD BE KEEPING IT OPEN AS IS AND ALL OF THE OTHER
8 FACILITIES, SO I JUST SAY THAT AN OPPORTUNITY, WE NEED TO LOOK
9 AT THAT OPTION AS WELL AND THAT MIGHT BE SOMETHING THAT ENTERS
10 INTO THE DISCUSSIONS, BUT I KNOW WE'RE LIMITED TO WHAT WE CAN
11 TALK ABOUT THAT. [MIXED VOICES]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M IN.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, YEAH, ARE THERE OTHER, YES?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOCTOR COULD YOU, AS WE TALK I KNOW THE
18 NEGOTIATIONS ARE GOING ON FOR THE PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
19 WITH HIGH DESERT AND DISCUSSIONS ARE BEING DONE WITH THE STATE
20 OF CALIFORNIA'S DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND WITH THE HEALTH
21 PROVIDERS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, COULD YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE
22 ON THAT PROGRESS?

23

24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF
25 ANALYZING A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL WITH REGARDS TO A GROUP WHO'S



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1 COME FORWARD IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. FRED, I THINK CAN YOU GIVE
2 AN UPDATE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, I HAVEN'T HEARD
3 THAT.

4

5 **FRED LEAF:** YES. THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS REQUESTED LAST
6 WEDNESDAY FOR SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON OUR PROPOSAL TO
7 THEM. WE PROVIDED THAT ON FRIDAY AND THEY -- AND INDICATED TO
8 THEM IN THE RESPONSE THAT WE NEEDED TO KNOW ABSOLUTELY, WE
9 NEEDED TO RESOLVE THIS BY THE END OF THIS WEEK, SO THAT'S
10 WHERE WE ARE.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, AND THE PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE IS,
13 OVERALL ON THE BUDGET, ON THE HEALTHCARE SIDE, WE ARE
14 DEPENDENT UPON FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAMS. AND
15 ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WE'VE HAD WITH THE STATE IS THAT THE
16 REIMBURSEMENT RATE IS THE LOWEST OF EVERY STATE IN THE NATION
17 IN CALIFORNIA, AND WE'VE ASKED THAT THAT BE INCREASED SO WE BE
18 COMPARABLE WITH OTHER STATES. THAT HAS NOT BEEN THE CASE AND
19 THIS BOARD HAS PERSONALLY BEEN TO SACRAMENTO AND PERSONALLY
20 TALKED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN
21 THE -- AT THE STATE LEVEL. WE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK.
22 WE WILL AGAIN RAISE MANY OF THESE ISSUES. I WAS IN WASHINGTON
23 TWO WEEKS AGO AND HAD A VERY CANDID DISCUSSION WITH THE HEAD
24 OF OFFICE MANAGEMENT BUDGET FOR THE PRESIDENT ON THIS ISSUE,
25 MITCH DANIELS. THE QUESTION IS, HOW WILL THE DISH FLEXIBILITY



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1 INCREASE IN MANAGED CARE DOLLARS BE USED TO HELP THE HEALTH
2 DEFICIT?

3

4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, HOPEFULLY IN TWO WAYS. ONE IS
5 THAT IT IS ADDITIONAL DOLLARS THAT WE OTHERWISE MIGHT LOSE AS
6 WE RECONFIGURE THE SYSTEM, AND SECONDLY, I THINK THAT IT
7 PROVIDES SOME NEW INCENTIVES TO DO THINGS IN A BIT MORE COST
8 EFFECTIVE WAY AND THAT THINGS THAT WE DO IN AN OUT-PATIENT
9 SETTING, WE COULDN'T GET PENALIZED FOR DOING THEM IN AN OUT-
10 PATIENT SETTING THE WAY THAT IT'S STRUCTURED TODAY. WE'D ALSO
11 LIKE TO INVEST IN SOME OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PIECES THAT WOULD
12 ALLOW US TO GIVE CARE MORE EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY, SUCH
13 AS BETTER JUST INFORMATION SYSTEMS, ESPECIALLY AS PATIENTS
14 MOVE IN AND OUT FROM IN-PATIENT TO OUTPATIENT SETTINGS. SO I
15 THINK IT WOULD HELP IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT WAYS, BOTH THE
16 ABSOLUTE DOLLARS AND THE VARIOUS INCENTIVES IT WILL PROVIDE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WITH THE BUDGET APPROXIMATELY 70% IN
19 SALARIES, WHAT SPECIFIC PROGRAMS IS BEING INITIATED AT THE
20 HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY TO KEEP THE COSTS
21 DOWN AND EXPAND SERVICES.

22

23 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK THERE'S A SERIES OF THINGS THAT
24 WE'RE WORKING ON, WE WILL BE RELEASING PROBABLY WITHIN THE
25 NEXT MONTH A SERIES OF PERFORMANCE METRICS THAT WILL BE IN



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1 PLACE BY JULY 1ST. THESE WILL BE VERY SPECIFIC DATA-DRIVEN
2 ELEMENTS, A LOT OF THEM WILL BE CLINICAL IN ORIGIN, BUT SOME
3 OF THEM WILL ALSO HAVE TO DO WITH QUANTITY OF WORK THAT'S
4 PRODUCED, AS WELL AS PATIENT SATISFACTION, FOR INSTANCE. IN
5 ADDITION, I THINK THAT WE'RE MOVING FORWARD, SOMETIMES
6 PAINFULLY, IN INTRODUCING BETTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS. WE HAD
7 SOME CHALLENGES LAST WEEK AS WE MOVED TO AUTOMATE THE
8 LABORATORY SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY/U.S.C., BUT THAT'S THE SHORT
9 TERM PAIN FOR THE LONG TERM GAIN OF BEING ABLE TO PULL UP A
10 PATIENT'S LABORATORY SYSTEM FROM -- [MIXED VOICES].

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** -- FROM ANY MEDICAL CENTER WHEN A
13 PATIENT PRESENTS AT ANY OTHER MEDICAL CENTER. SO AS WE
14 STANDARDIZE OUR INFORMATION SYSTEMS WE MAKE THE LABS MORE
15 IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO CLINICIANS, WE REDUCE THAT DELAY AND
16 THE FRUSTRATION OF HAVING TO CALL THE LAB AND SO FORTH WHICH
17 FREES UP OTHER TIME WHICH PRESUMABLY CAN GO BACK INTO SEEING
18 ADDITIONAL PATIENTS. SO IT'S WE CAN, I THINK, IMPROVE OUR
19 EFFICIENCY QUITE WELL THAT WAY.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
22 VETERANS AFFAIRS, HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO ENACT SOME OF THE
23 EFFICIENCIES, PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENTS AT THE COUNTY LEVEL
24 OR, BECAUSE YOU FACED SERIOUS -- SIMILAR ISSUES, I SHOULD SAY,



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1 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WHEN YOU WERE INVOLVED
2 WITH THAT.

3

4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH ABSOLUTELY, AND THE TWO I
5 MENTIONED, I THINK, WERE THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT THINGS THAT WE
6 DID TO TAKE THE V.A. FROM SEEING ABOUT 2,000 -- 2.8 MILLION
7 PATIENTS UP TO WHERE THEY'RE NOW SEEING ALMOST FIVE MILLION
8 PATIENTS WITH A BUDGET THAT'S BARELY KEPT UP WITH HEALTHCARE
9 INFLATION. SO THERE'S A TREMENDOUS BOOST IN EFFICIENCY AND
10 PRODUCTIVITY, AND I THINK THOSE ARE BROUGHT ABOUT BY VERY
11 CLEAR INCENTIVES AND REWARDS AND MEASUREMENT AND ALSO BROUGHT
12 ABOUT BY THINGS THAT ALLOW YOU TO DO WHAT YOU NORMALLY DO MUCH
13 MORE EFFICIENTLY AND IN HEALTHCARE. A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THAT
14 IS AUTOMATION. I THINK THERE ARE OTHER THINGS THAT FRED
15 STARTED IN HIS TENURE THAT HAVE BEEN IMPORTANT, THE
16 CONSOLIDATED PURCHASING AND A VARIETY OF OTHER THINGS THAT ARE
17 BEARING GOOD FRUIT, OUR USE OF FORMULARY SO WE DON'T USE ALL
18 DRUGS, WE USE THE ONES THAT GIVE US THE RIGHT EFFECT BUT ALSO
19 ARE REASONABLY PRICED TO SAVE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MONEY.
20 SO JUST DOING A VARIETY OF THOSE THINGS AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO
21 PUSH THOSE FORWARD OVER THE NEXT YEAR.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAY I JUST ASK, I WASN'T GOING TO ASK THIS
24 NOW, BUT HAS A LEGISLATION BEEN INTRODUCED THAT WILL ALLOW US



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1 DELAY IN CLOSING RANCHO WITHOUT US LOSING ALL OF THE OTHER
2 FUNDS?

3

4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE FOUND A SPONSOR
5 FOR THAT BILL YET, BUT WE CONTINUE TO LOOK TO GET THAT
6 INTRODUCED. WE ARE PURSUING A POTENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDY
7 THAT ONE OF OUR COUNCIL HAS THOUGHTS IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT IS THE TIMETABLE ON THAT?

10

11 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IN TERMS -- OH MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT
12 WE'RE PURSUING THAT, THE ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDY WITH THE STATE
13 AS WE SPEAK. WE HAD CONVERSATIONS THIS WEEK ABOUT THAT AND
14 THEY'RE GOING TO BE TALKING TO OFFICIALS AT STATE LEVEL.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SO YOU'LL KEEP US INFORMED
17 BECAUSE --

18

19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** ABSOLUTELY.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TO BE VERY CLEAR MAYBE YOU SHOULD GIVE SOME
22 IDEA, IF WE DELAY THE CLOSING WHAT THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
23 ARE IN TERMS OF SOME OF OUR FUNDS THAT WE RECEIVE FROM THE
24 STATE AS IT RELATES TO OTHER FACILITIES. COULD YOU JUST
25 CLARIFY THAT?



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2 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, I THINK IN TERMS OF RANCHO, AND I
3 THINK GARY CAN CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG THAT ONCE -- IF WE
4 DON'T HAVE A REMEDY TO WORK THROUGH THE GOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER
5 ISSUE, THEN IF WE KEEP IT OPEN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, WE
6 MIGHT AS WELL KEEP IT OPEN FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR. THAT'S FOR
7 RANCHO AND --

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT IS THE IMPLICATION, THE LOSS -- WHAT
10 IS THE LOSS IF WE GO A MONTH OVER?

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** ESSENTIALLY, IT ALL COMES OUT CLOSE TO
13 THE 18 MILLION IT COSTS TO KEEP IT OPEN FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.
14 YEAH, IT'S IN THE 18, 19-MILLION-DOLLAR RANGE. SO IF WE MISS
15 JULY 1ST, WE MIGHT AS WELL KEEP IT OPEN FOR THE REST OF THE
16 YEAR, UNLESS WE HAVE A REMEDY.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** UNLESS WE GET SOME KIND OF A REMEDY FROM
19 THE STATE.

20

21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT.

22

23 **FRED LEAF:** AND TO CLARIFY, IF WE WERE TO STAY OPEN LET'S SAY
24 'TIL JULY 2ND, AS AN EXAMPLE, THEN WE WOULD IMMEDIATELY LOSE
25 THE 18 OR 19.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE TO MAKE A DEPOSIT WITH CERTAIN
3 FUNDS WITH THE STATE RIGHT?

4

5 **FRED LEAF:** RIGHT.

6

7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE HAVE TO EARN THEM BACK THROUGHOUT
8 THE YEAR.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THOSE FUNDS WOULD ONLY BE RETURNABLE IF
11 YOU GET SOME KIND OF RELIEF FROM THE STATE BEFORE THAT TIME
12 YOU MAKE THE DEPOSIT, IS THAT CORRECT, OR ELSE YOU LOSE THEM?

13

14 **FRED LEAF:** RIGHT, YES.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MAY I ASK A QUESTION?

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I HAVE A QUESTION AS WELL.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THEN
21 SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE YOUR BUDGET IS BASICALLY THE RESULT
24 OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING HOW IT'S DIVIDED UP AND OUR
25 GENERAL FUND IS NOT ABLE TO SUPPORT THE HEALTH -- THE DELIVERY



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1 SYSTEM BECAUSE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND OTHER VITAL SERVICES, WHAT
2 IS THE PROCESS IF YOU HAVE A COURT ORDER FOR A MANDATED
3 PROGRAM WITHOUT RESOURCES? SO THE RESULT WOULD BE A
4 BANKRUPTCY. WHAT IS THE PROCESS AND PROCEDURES THAT THAT WOULD
5 ENTAIL IF THAT WAS -- IF THAT ORDER CAME DOWN FROM THE COURT?

6

7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I'LL ASK IF COUNTY COUNSEL HAS A
8 THOUGHT.

9

10 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** I THINK WE'LL NEED TO DISCUSS THAT MORE FULLY
11 IN CLOSELY IN CLOSED SESSION, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, BUT
12 ASSUMING THAT THE --

13

14 **ALL:** (BOOING)).

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PLEASE, PLEASE, WE'RE GOING TO GET AN ANSWER
17 PLEASE.

18

19 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** ASSUMING THAT THE COURT DOES ISSUE AN ORDER
20 AND IT IS NOT OVERTURNED ON AN APPEAL THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO
21 CONSIDER IT AND MAKE CUTS IN OTHER AREAS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE QUESTION IS, ABOUT 10 COUNTIES HAVE
24 HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. THE OTHER CONTRACT WITH THE STATE, ORANGE
25 COUNTY, HAS THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA'S MEDICAL SCHOOL. SO



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1 NOT EVERY COUNTY FALLS IN THE POSITION THAT ABOUT 10 OF THE
2 COUNTIES DO. DOES A BANKRUPTCY THEN FORCE THE STATE TO TAKE
3 OVER THE COMPLETE OPERATION OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT?

4

5 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** NOT AUTOMATICALLY. EVERY -- ALL THE DEBTS AND
6 ALL THE CREDITS OF THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO BE PROCESSED IN A
7 BANKRUPTCY COURT IF THE COUNTY WERE TO FILE FOR BANKRUPTCY.
8 AND THE POINT THAT YOU'VE MADE REGARDING OTHER COUNTIES NOT
9 HAVING THESE KINDS OF FACILITIES IS A POINT THAT THE
10 PLAINTIFFS' ATTORNEYS WERE ARGUING TO THE JUDGE YESTERDAY THAT
11 SOMEHOW THE BOARD IS CONSTRAINED BECAUSE OF PAST HISTORICAL
12 DECISIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE HERE, IN CONTRAST TO THE WAY
13 OTHER COUNTIES HAVE DONE IT THAT ESSENTIALLY THE BOARD WOULD
14 NEVER HAVE ANY DISCRETION TO CHANGE THE WAY IN WHICH YOU'RE
15 PROVIDING HEALTHCARE. I THINK THAT'S THE POSITION THAT WE ALL
16 DISAGREE WITH AND I THINK IT'S A SEPARATION OF POWERS ISSUE
17 WITH RESPECT TO THE COURT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WE ARE NOT USING FEDERAL AND STATE
20 HEALTHCARE DOLLARS TO SUBSIDIZE LIBRARIES, SHERIFF, DISTRICT
21 ATTORNEY, PUBLIC DEFENDER OR CORONER. THEY ARE GOING
22 EXCLUSIVELY INTO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

23

24 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE PROGRAM HAS TO FIT THE REVENUES THAT
2 ARE AVAILABLE, IF THOSE DOLLARS ARE NOT AVAILABLE WHY WOULD A
3 COURT THEREBY CONFISCATE THE SHERIFF OR DISTRICT ATTORNEY OR
4 PUBLIC DEFENDER'S BUDGET?

5

6 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** I THINK YOU'VE JUST EXPRESSED THE PARTICULAR
7 ARGUMENT THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE COURT YESTERDAY, THAT THE
8 COUNTY HAS LIMITED AUTHORITY AND CONTROL OVER THESE ISSUES,
9 AND THAT THE COUNTY CAN ONLY SPEND THE RESOURCES THAT IT DOES
10 HAVE AVAILABLE BASED UPON THE RATES THAT ARE ESTABLISHED BY
11 THE STATE. THOSE ARGUMENTS WERE MUCH BETTER PRESENTED TO THE
12 COURT BY ANITA LEE OF OUR OFFICE THAN I'M DOING HERE, BUT IT
13 WAS PERSUASIVE ENOUGH TO THE JUDGE THAT SHE PUT OFF A RULING
14 YESTERDAY AND ASKED FOR FURTHER BRIEFING ON THOSE PRECISE
15 ISSUES.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND SO THE LIMITED FUNDS WE HAVE REQUIRES THE
18 DEPARTMENT TO LOOK AT THE PRODUCTIVITY ISSUE WHICH YOU'RE
19 LOOKING AT AND IMPLEMENTING, REQUIRES ADDITIONAL
20 PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS WHICH WE'RE WORKING TOWARD, I
21 KNOW, IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND IN OTHER AREAS AS WELL, TO
22 DEVELOP A SYSTEM THAT HAS THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE THE
23 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM -- OR HEALTHCARE SERVICES NEEDED BY THE
24 PUBLIC THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

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1 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** I THINK THAT'S TRUE?

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR?

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES UH-HUH?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** ARE WE GOING TO GET A PRESENTATION ON THE
10 CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION REPORT?

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IT'S NOT OUR REPORT, I MEAN I HAVE IT -
13 -

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. ARE THEY GOING TO REPORT ON IT TODAY?
16 WASN'T IT DUE TODAY?

17

18 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THEY RELEASED THE REPORT YESTERDAY
19 PUBLICLY. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THEY WERE NOT PLANNING ON COMING
20 BACK AND REPORTING ON IT, PER SE.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY'RE NOT SCHEDULED TO REPORT TO THE BOARD?

23

24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I'M NOT AWARE THAT THEY ARE.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THEN I JUST NEED TO CLARIFY, BECAUSE
2 I'M NOT SURE, BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW AND I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING
3 TO GET A BRIEFING ON IT. SO IN YOUR RESPONSE TO MR.
4 YAROSLAVSKY'S QUESTION, YOU TALKED ABOUT THAT YOU WOULD NEED
5 20 MILLION DOLLARS IN TRANSITION 'CAUSE YOU WERE BASICALLY
6 GIVING HIM SOME OF THE OUTCOMES OF THE REPORT?

7

8 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE WERE ASKED TO WORK WITH THE
9 CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO DEVELOP A BRIDGE MODEL THAT
10 WOULD BE SMALLER THAN THE EXISTING RANCHO THAT MIGHT BE --

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND.

13

14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT, AND SO I WAS JUST COMMENTING ON
15 THAT OUR ULTIMATE COST, WE BELIEVE THAT WORKING WITH THEM WE
16 CAME UP WITH A MODEL OF 150 BEDS, 135 OCCUPIED SCALED DOWN TO
17 REHABILITATION ONLY THAT WOULD COST AN ADDITIONAL 18 MILLION
18 DOLLARS OVER THE PROJECTED SAVINGS IF WE CLOSED RANCHO.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT LET ME UNDERSTAND THIS CLEARLY. THIS IS IN
21 TRANSITIONAL DOLLARS, SO THAT THEY WOULD EVENTUALLY TRANSITION
22 INTO A NONPROFIT?

23

24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. THERE ARE --

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THAT CORRECT?

2

3 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YES.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IS THAT INCLUSIVE OF THE AMOUNT THAT WE WOULD
6 PAY FOR INDIGENT CARE OR IN ADDITION TO?

7

8 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IN ADDITION TO.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THE TOTAL AMOUNT WOULD BE WHAT?

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** 14.7 PLUS 18 --

13

14 **FRED LEAF:** 32.7.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IN THEIR REPORT, THEY HAVEN'T YET BEEN ABLE
17 TO FIND ANYONE WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO TRANSITION?

18

19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** TO MY UNDERSTANDING, THERE HAS BEEN NO
20 NON-FOR-PROFIT -- NOT PROFIT MEDICAL SYSTEMS THAT HAVE COME
21 FORWARD INTERESTED, ALTHOUGH ONE WOULD HAVE TO SAY THAT THE
22 OFFICIAL REPORT WAS ONLY RELEASED MONDAY, WHICH IS YESTERDAY.
23 SO THE OPPORTUNITY REALLY FOR SOMEONE TO DIGEST THAT,
24 UNDERSTAND IT, AND --

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT THERE'S SORT OF
2 AN EXPECTATION THAT HAS BEEN CREATED, AND I WANT TO UNDERSTAND
3 IT. I MEAN, THE REPORT CAN SIT ON A SHELF OR THERE'S SOME
4 ACTION. THAT'S WHY I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND. IF, IN FACT,
5 THEY, THE REPORTERS, THE CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION BELIEVE THAT
6 IT'S A FEASIBLE POSSIBILITY, ARE THEY GOING TO BE PURSUING A
7 NONPROFIT? ARE WE? WHAT'S GOING ON? I THINK THERE'S THIS THING
8 HANGING ON OUT THERE THAT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND. I'VE BEEN
9 GOING UP TO SACRAMENTO, AND THE STORY I'M UNFORTUNATELY
10 TELLING THEM, UNLESS THEY KNOW SOMEBODY, I DON'T THINK WE KNOW
11 ANYONE, BUT IT'S SORT OF LOOMING OVER US.

12

13 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOW ARE WE HESITANT TO TALK ABOUT IT BECAUSE OF
16 LEGAL REASONS? I NEED TO KNOW THAT AND I'LL CLAM UP.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY LEGAL REASONS FOR THIS,
19 I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE NEED TO DO AS A BOARD IS TO
20 DIRECT OUR DIRECTOR TO NOW MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT REPORT AND
21 TO CONTACT THOSE GROUPS THAT HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST. I
22 MEAN OBVIOUSLY SINCE --

23



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT NOT YET, NOT UNTIL I GET A REPORT. I MEAN,
2 WE'VE GOTTEN A WRITTEN REPORT, BUT I WANTED TO ASK SOME
3 QUESTIONS. THAT'S WHY I ASKED THE QUESTION.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, CAN WE ARRANGE, THEN, FOR THE
6 NEXT MEETING, NEXT TUESDAY, TO HAVE A REPORT FROM THEM? TWO
7 WEEKS FROM TODAY, THEN. IF WE COULD HAVE A REPORT FROM -- I
8 UNDERSTAND L.A. COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ALSO IS MOVING IN
9 SOME DIRECTION. I KNOW THEY CONTINUE TO HAVE THESE MEETINGS.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** SEPARATE FROM THE FOUNDATION.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SEPARATE, YES SEPARATE FROM THE FOUNDATION,
14 THEIRS IS A DIFFERENT --

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M HOPING IT'S THE FOUNDATION WHO IS GOING TO
17 REPORT.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, COULD WE GET THAT IN TWO WEEKS?

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK WE AIL GET THE L.A. COUNTY MEDICAL
24 ASSOCIATION REPORT OR RATHER SOME INDICATION OF WHERE THEY'RE
25 GOING.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** SHE'S TALKING ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY
3 FOUNDATION REPORT TO REPORT BACK TO US IN TWO WEEKS.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, IS THERE ANYTHING, ANY OTHER
10 FURTHER QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. I THINK ZEV MADE A
11 MOTION.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES I DID.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** WHO'S THE SECOND, MADAM CHAIR?

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, ARE YOU
18 SECONDING THE MOTION?

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE BUDGET.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND LET'S SHOW THERE ARE TWO
23 OBJECTIONS.

24



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND MADAM CHAIR, FOR THE RECORD, THE
2 OBJECTIONS WOULD BE SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR
3 ANTONOVICH, AND SO THE MOTION IS CARRIED.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, I -- AT THIS POINT -- THANK YOU
6 VERY MUCH -- SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU'RE UP.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS.
9 GET MY ACT TOGETHER HERE. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE
10 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF IRWIN KAYHEN. I'LL JUST WAIT A
11 MINUTE. [MIXED VOICES]

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAYBE WE SHOULD GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
14 PEOPLE TO LEAVE. WE HOPE THEY LEAVE QUIETLY.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY'LL BE OUT IN A SECOND. THEY'LL BE OUT
17 IN A SECOND. ALL RIGHT. MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD ASK THAT WE WOULD
18 ADJOURN TODAY WHEN WE CLOSE BUSINESS IN THE MEMORY OF IRWIN
19 KAYHEN. IRWIN PASSED AWAY AFTER A SHORT ILLNESS, AS A RESIDENT
20 OF HANCOCK PARK, A SURVIVOR OF THE HOLOCAUST, SURVIVED BY HIS
21 WIFE, HIS SON, KEN, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS, AND
22 GIVE THE BOARD'S SECRETARY THE PERTINENT SECRETARY, I JUST GOT
23 THAT INFORMATION THIS MORNING.

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECOND, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN
3 THE MEMORY OF HAROLD HAYDEN, HAL HAYDEN. HAL PASSED AWAY LAST
4 WEEK. HE WAS A CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONER FOR CITY OF LOS
5 ANGELES FROM 1977 TO 1984. HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF BANCORP CAPITAL
6 GROUP INCORPORATED. HE WAS A DIRECTOR OF THE BEL AIR
7 ASSOCIATION, AND THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE CITY OF HOPE,
8 WEST LOS ANGELES Y.M.C.A. BOARD MEMBER, AND HE'S THE PRESIDENT
9 OF THE COUNCIL FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD, THE LEGION OF HONOR,
10 THE JEWISH PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM
11 OF ART. HAL, SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE KNOWN HIM, WAS A VERY, VERY
12 ACTIVE MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY, OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY,
13 AND HE ACTIVE AT U.C.L.A. AS WELL AND ALUMNUS OF U.C.L.A. AND
14 I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE MADE HIS LIVING, BUT HE WAS ALWAYS THERE
15 -- HEY, CAN WE ASK YOU FOLKS TO BE QUIET, PLEASE? [MIXED
16 VOICES]

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE WAS A VERY ACTIVE AND GIVING MAN. SHE'S
19 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LOIS, AND WE GIVE HER OUR BEST. THOSE
20 ARE MY TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I WAS HOLDING -- LET'S START
2 WITH THE END AND WORK OUR WAY BACKWARDS. ITEM 100-A, I THINK
3 WE WERE HOLDING IT FOR MR. GIRON.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS MR. GIRON HERE?

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7 **JULIO GIRON:** YES MADAM CHAIR...

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT MEANS YOU HAVE A LOW CENTER OF GRAVITY,
10 SO YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE REAL QUICKLY.

11

12 **JULIO GIRON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JULIO GIRON FROM BELL
13 GARDENS AND THE GATEWAY CITIES. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE TO
14 DISCUSS THIS ITEM, MR. YAROSLAVSKY. WE SUPPORT YOU IN WHAT YOU
15 PUT IN THERE, BUT IN A WAY, WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT NO
16 MATTER WHO THE PERSON IS, A LOT OF PEOPLE IS GOING TO TAKE
17 ADVANTAGE OF RACING LIKE ILLEGAL BORDERS AND I HAVE TO SAY
18 THIS IN ESPANOL BECAUSE I'M A U.S. CITIZEN. [SPEAKING SPANISH
19] I AM A U.S. CITIZEN AND I WILL ALWAYS BE A HISPANIC PERSON,
20 BUT UNFORTUNATELY ALL THE PEOPLE WHO TRAFFIC WITH PEOPLE WHO
21 COME HERE ILLEGALLY FROM WHEREVER THEY COME, COULD COME FROM
22 EUROPE, COULD COME FROM AFRICA, COULD COME FROM AUSTRALIA, SO
23 ON AND SO ON, WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MAYBE FALSIFIED
24 DOCUMENTS, SO SOMEBODY WHO PERHAPS IS NOT EVEN A MINOR IS
25 GOING TO END UP BEING REGISTERED TO BOTH. SO WE ARE KIND OF



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1 CONCERNED WITH THIS SUPPORTING I THINK IT'S A.B.-1608 BY NEW
2 LEGISLATION. IT IS FINE BECAUSE YOUNG PEOPLE DEFINITELY YOUNG
3 PEOPLE WHO ARE U.S. CITIZENS NEED TO GET INVOLVED IN THE
4 POLITICAL PROCESS, BUT WE WILL SUGGEST THAT IT WILL BE AN
5 AMENDMENT AND ADJUSTMENTS ON THESE MAKING CLEAR THAT WHOEVER
6 MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE TO FALSIFY DOCUMENTS TO MAKE BELIEVE
7 PEOPLE WHO HAPPEN PERHAPS JUST TO GIVE THE IDEA THAT THESE
8 PEOPLE MIGHT BE MINORS OR 17 YEARS OF AGE, THAT THE REST OF
9 THE PUBLIC WILL BE PROTECTED. BY NO MEANS ME AS A HISPANIC
10 AMERICAN ARE DISCRIMINATING AGAINST OUR OWN PEOPLE, NO, WE ARE
11 NOT, BUT WE HAVE TO STOP WHOEVER IS DOING THIS SITUATION, SO
12 FALSIFYING DOCUMENTS, TO BOTH WHEN THERE IS A LOCAL ELECTION
13 OR A MUNICIPAL ELECTION OR A NATIONAL ELECTION. SO WE,
14 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YES, WE DO SUPPORT YOU IN THIS AND
15 YOUR -- AND ITEM 100-A, BUT WE HAVE OUR CONCERNS THAT SOME
16 PEOPLE MIGHT BE TAKING ADVANTAGE TO FALSIFY DOCUMENTS AND HAVE
17 MINOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT MINOR.

18
19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

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21 **JULIO GIRON:** THANK YOU SIR.

22
23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS, AND I THINK THE
24 BILL WILL ADDRESS THAT. I WOULD MOVE APPROVAL OF SUPPORTING
25 THAT POSITION OF THE BILL.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO MOVED, SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
3 ORDERED. SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
4 ORDERED.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD CALL UP ITEM 33. I
7 DON'T KNOW WHERE MR. JANSSEN WENT TO, BUT IF I CAN GET -- I
8 UNDERSTAND THAT THIS BILL, THE HEARING ON THIS BILL HAS BEEN -
9 - IT'S BEEN TAKEN OFF CALENDAR. IS THAT CORRECT?

10

11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, SUPERVISOR, IT
12 WAS TAKEN OFF CALENDAR TODAY, AND IT WILL PROBABLY MISS ITS
13 POLICY DEADLINE, SO YOU MAY WANT TO JUST CONTINUE THIS ITEM
14 AND WE CAN TRACK WHAT'S GOING ON.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. WHY DON'T WE CONTINUE IT FOR TWO
17 WEEKS, AND YOU CAN GIVE US A STATUS REPORT ON IT IN TWO WEEKS.
18 MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD MOVE THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED FOR TWO
19 WEEKS.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. TWO WEEKS.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE A MOTION THAT I WAS GOING TO INTRODUCE,
24 AND I'LL PASS IT OUT AND ATTACH IT TO THAT FOR HEARING AT THAT
25 SAME TIME.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I ALSO HELD ITEM 25, AND IT'S MS.
3 MOLINA'S MOTION, SO I WOULD DEFER TO HER AND I WOULD JUST TELL
4 YOU WHAT -- WELL, THE TWO THINGS. I HAD AN AMENDMENT I WANTED
5 TO MAKE TO IT, WHICH... JUST HANG ON ONE SECOND. I DON'T HAVE
6 MY AMENDMENT HANDY. I'M SORRY. SO LET ME JUST HOLD OFF ON
7 THAT.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT ITEM IS THAT?

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 25, AND WHEN MY STAFF RETURNS, WE'LL OKAY,
12 25. WE WERE HOLDING -- A BUNCH OF US WERE HOLDING ITEM 12,
13 MADAM CHAIR, AND I THINK YOU HAD AN AMENDMENT. I WOULD SUGGEST
14 I'LL LET YOU SPEAK TO YOUR AMENDMENT.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CAN I PLEASE HAVE THE AMENDMENT, WE HAD AN
17 AMENDMENT ON 12?

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YEAH.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAD NO
22 OBJECTION TO IT.

23



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE AMENDMENT WAS TO ENCOURAGE THE LEGISLATURE
2 TO RECONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS RATHER THAN TO IMPLEMENT THE
3 RECOMMENDATIONS, THAT'S THE AMENDMENT.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT, TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONSIDER YEAH.

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7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT, ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONSIDER RATHER THAN
8 IMPLEMENT, THAT'S THE CHANGE.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, HERE'S THE THING I WOULD ASK MS.
11 BURKE IF YOU WOULD --

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT, WHAT NUMBER ARE WE ON?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 12, NUMBER 12.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** ITEM 12?

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH AND WE PASSED -- I HAVE AN AMENDMENT,
20 NUMBER 12.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ITEM 12, I WOULD ASK THAT RATHER IF YOU
23 WOULD CONSIDER, MADAM CHAIR, THAT RATHER THAN SEND A 5-
24 SIGNATURE LETTER, THAT WE -- THAT WOULD CONSIDER -- ASK THE
25 LEGISLATURE -- OR THE GOVERNOR TO CONSIDER, I WOULD ASK OUR



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1 SACRAMENTO REPRESENTATIVES TO TAKE THE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY
2 TO INFORM PEOPLE. I JUST -- WE'RE SENDING -- I'M SPENDING HALF
3 MY TIME SIGNING 5-SIGNATURE LETTERS, MOST OF THEM, IF I WAS ON
4 THE RECEIVING END, I'D WONDER ABOUT. THIS ONE, IF WE'RE NOT
5 TAKING A POSITION, AND I AGREE WITH THAT PORTION OF YOUR
6 MOTION, I DON'T THINK THIS IS SOMETHING WE WANT TO ENDORSE
7 IT'S -- FOR A LOT OF REASONS, BUT IF WE'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE A
8 POSITION, WE JUST WANT TO CONSIDER SOME OF THE
9 RECOMMENDATIONS, THEN I THINK WE OUGHT TO DO IT IN A LITTLE
10 LESS OF A FORMAL WAY, PERHAPS ASK THE C.A.O. TO COMMUNICATE
11 THAT. PERHAPS YOU CAN SEND A LETTER TO THE --

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MEAN, THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE WE HAVE BEFORE
14 US TODAY IS THE STATE BUDGET. THE NUMBER TWO ISSUE WE HAVE
15 BEFORE US TODAY IS A RESPONSIBLE FORMULA OF FINANCING CITY,
16 COUNTY, AND SCHOOLS. ELIZABETH HILL HAS A PROPOSAL, I DON'T
17 NECESSARILY AGREE WITH ALL OF HER RECOMMENDATIONS, I THINK
18 SOME ARE UNSUPPORTABLE, BUT THERE ARE MANY THAT ARE
19 SUPPORTABLE. AND THE POINT WE ARE ASKING THE GOVERNOR AND THE
20 MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, TO HAVE HER AS AN INTEGRAL PART IN
21 RESOLVING THE FISCAL CRISIS THAT WE'RE IN, AND IT'S CRUCIAL
22 THAT WE BITE THE BULLET, WE SHOW OUR SUPPORT, BECAUSE THE
23 STATUS QUO IS BANKRUPT, THE STATUS QUO DOES NOT MEET THE NEEDS
24 OF ANY DISTRICT IN THIS STATE, AND WE CAN'T GO YEAR AFTER YEAR
25 WITH A DYSFUNCTIONAL BUDGETARY PROCESS. AND ALL WE'RE SAYING



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1 IS REVIEW THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS, WORK ON THOSE THAT ARE
2 SUPPORTABLE, DISCARD THOSE THAT ARE NOT SUPPORTABLE, BUT WE'RE
3 NOT TYING THEIR HANDS, AND I BELIEVE A FLUENT DISCUSSION AND
4 THE BOARD'S SUPPORT FOR THAT IS CRUCIAL. SHE'S BEEN HERE
5 BEFORE THE BOARD, SHE'S TESTIFIED BEFORE THIS BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS. WE'VE TALKED TO HER, WE'VE QUESTIONED HER, AND
7 AGAIN, SOME OF HER IDEAS MAY NOT BE WORKABLE, ARE NOT
8 SUPPORTABLE, OTHERS ARE, BUT THE POINT IS THERE'S A FOUNDATION
9 TO BEGIN A BUILDING PROCESS WHICH IS SO NECESSARY IF WE'RE
10 GOING TO HAVE A RESPONSIBLE, PRUDENT FISCAL POLICY FOR EVERY
11 LOCAL AGENCY IN THE STATE.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK THAT ANYONE DISAGREES WITH
14 THE FACT THAT MANY OF HER IDEAS ARE EXCEPTIONAL. HOWEVER, SOME
15 OF THEM REQUIRE FEDERAL LEGISLATION, SOME REQUIRE
16 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, AND IF WE WERE GOING TO TAKE THEM
17 ONE BY ONE, I THINK THAT WE COULD ALL AGREE THAT WE COULD --
18 THERE'S SOME OF THOSE THAT WE WOULD BE WILLING TO SIGN A
19 LETTER AND TO ALSO LETTERS TO THE CONGRESS PEOPLE OR WHATEVER.
20 HOWEVER, AT THIS -- I BELIEVE THAT THE LEGISLATURE, FOR THE
21 MOST PART, IS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF HER RECOMMENDATIONS AS WELL.
22 WE WOULD CERTAINLY BE GETTING OUR POINT OVER, I DON'T KNOW
23 WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS, WHETHER WE HAVE A 5-SIGNATURE LETTER
24 OR WE COULD AUTHORIZE YOU TO SIGN A LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE
25 COUNTY SAYING WE ENCOURAGE IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE I THINK.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES?

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M GOING UP TO SACRAMENTO TOMORROW, YOU KNOW, I
7 FEEL WHEN WE DO THESE KINDS OF THINGS, THAT WE'RE NOT LOOKING
8 AT WHAT THEY'RE DEALING WITH, IT'S LIKE WHEN PEOPLE WRITE US.
9 I MEAN THERE'S A GENTLEMAN THAT BOUGHT US A LOTTERY TICKET
10 TODAY TO SAVE RANCHO OKAY, THAT'S JUST NOT REALISTIC.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S A NICE, YEAH.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT, I THINK THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO BE
15 TREATED WITH ANY KIND OF CREDIBILITY WHEN WE GO UP THERE TO
16 SPEAK ON THESE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS, WE HAVE TO TAKE INTO
17 CONSIDERATION WHERE THEY ARE IN THE LEGISLATURE. EVEN
18 ELIZABETH HILL HASN'T PRESENTED HER OWN RECOMMENDATIONS BACK
19 TO THE LEGISLATURE. SO COME ON. I AM ALL WILLING AND WE CAN DO
20 THIS AND WE CAN PONTIFICATE AND FEEL ACTION-ORIENTED, BUT IT'S
21 NOT IN RELATIONSHIP TO WHAT'S GOING ON IN SACRAMENTO. AND I
22 THINK THAT, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, I WOULD ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO
23 GO UP THERE, WALK AROUND THE HALLS, GET A FEEL OF WHAT'S GOING
24 ON, AND WE MAY CRITICIZE IT AND WE MAY NOT LIKE IT AND WE HAVE
25 A LOT TO SAY ABOUT IT, JUST LIKE PEOPLE CRITICIZE US ABOUT OUR



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1 DECISION ON RANCHO AND SO ON WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT'S GOING ON
2 IS HOW WE WENT THROUGH IT. SO I'M JUST SAYING THAT IN THIS
3 INSTANCE, THIS IS ONE THAT, AT THIS POINT IN TIME, DOESN'T
4 DESERVE OUR SUPPORT, NOT RIGHT NOW. THEY'RE DEALING WITH THIS
5 ISSUE AND IT HAS A WHOLE DIFFERENT REASONS AND YES, THERE WAS
6 VALIDITY TO SOME OF THESE PROPOSALS, AND I'M NOT GOING TO
7 DISCOUNT THAT, BUT I DON'T WANT, YOU KNOW -- I JUST DON'T WANT
8 US TO LOSE OUR CREDIBILITY. WE'RE THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE
9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. WE NEED THEIR ASSISTANCE, WE NEED TO
10 PARTNER WITH THIS LEGISLATURE, WITH BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE,
11 WE NEED HEAVY LIFTING FROM DEMOCRATS AND HEAVY LIFTING FROM
12 REPUBLICANS AND HEAVY LIFTING FROM THE GOVERNOR, AND I JUST
13 THINK THAT WE NEED TO BE REALISTIC WITH WHAT'S GOING ON. YOU
14 KNOW, IF -- I JUST, IT JUST -- IT SPEAKS TO OUR CREDIBILITY
15 AND NOT BEING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WHAT'S GOING ON. WE DON'T
16 HAVE TO SANCTION WHAT'S GOING ON, WE CAN CRITICIZE IT AND SO
17 ON, BUT IT IS NOT THE TIME TO BRING UP. EVEN ELIZABETH HILL,
18 WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO HER SHE'S GOT GOOD -- SHE IS NOT
19 PRESENTING THEM TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE TOMORROW OR ANY TIME
20 IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THAT I KNOW OF. WHEN SHE DOES, WE CAN
21 PRESENT THEM HERE AND LET'S ENDORSE THEM, IF WE FEEL GOOD
22 ABOUT THEM, BUT THERE'S NO PROPOSAL FOR THESE ACTIONS.

23
24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, HERE WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IN HER
25 RECOMMENDATIONS URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO UNDERTAKE A COMPLETE



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1 REVIEW AND RESTRUCTURING OF GOVERNMENT AT ALL LEVELS,
2 MAXIMIZING THE SEPARATION OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT DUTIES
3 THROUGH APPROPRIATE ALIGNMENTS OF CONTROL AND FUNDING
4 RESPONSIBILITIES, MATCHING MANDATED PROGRAMS WITH REVENUES TO
5 PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES, RESTRUCTURING THE PROGRAM LINKAGE TO
6 PROMOTE COORDINATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL
7 AND REMOVE BARRIERS TO INNOVATION, PROVIDE FINANCIAL
8 INCENTIVES TO PROMOTE PREVENTION AND COORDINATION, INVITING
9 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BE ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL
10 COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS AND HOUSING WITH CITY GOVERNMENTS
11 FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR RESIDENTS AND COUNTIES
12 FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR UNINCORPORATED RESIDENTS.
13 PROVIDING THAT CITIES CONTRACT WITH COUNTIES FOR THE PROVISION
14 OF MOST SOCIAL SERVICES WITH COMMUNITIES BEARING THE FINANCIAL
15 BURDEN AND THE STATE SURRENDERING PROGRAM CONTROL AND WITH
16 THAT IS ALSO THE FUNDING FOR THOSE PROGRAMS. ELIMINATING
17 BARRIERS TO PRIORITY SETTING AT BOTH THE STATE AND LOCAL
18 LEVEL, ELIMINATING COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FISCAL INCENTIVES AND
19 FISCAL DISPARITIES OF THE EXISTING LOCAL REVENUE SYSTEM. I
20 PERSONALLY DON'T LIKE HER PROVISION WHERE SHE'S RECOMMENDING
21 ELIMINATING THE TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE. I BELIEVE WE OUGHT
22 TO RETAIN THAT, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO SAY THAT HER IDEAS SHOULD
23 BE HELD BACK, THEY SHOULD BE IN THE MIX FOR DISCUSSION. I'M
24 OPPOSED TO HER ELIMINATION OF THE HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY TAX
25 EXEMPTION, BUT THE POINT IS, THERE ARE A LOT OF GOOD IDEAS IN



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1 THIS CONCEPT WHICH CITIES AND COUNTIES ACROSS THE STATE ARE
2 SUPPORTING AND UNTIL WE GET THOSE MEN AND WOMEN IN SACRAMENTO
3 TO SIT DOWN AND FACE THIS RESPONSIBILITY AND KNOW HOW EACH OF
4 THE CITIES AND COUNTIES ARE IN THIS STATE ON THESE ISSUES,
5 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE WHAT WE HAD TODAY, TOMORROW, AND THE NEXT
6 DAY, THE NEXT YEAR, AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR, AND IT'S TIME THAT
7 WE HAVE THE NECESSARY REFORMS, AND IT WON'T TAKE SOME -- A
8 CONSTITUTIONAL --

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, LET ME JUST -- FIRST OF ALL,
11 HALF OF THE THINGS THAT ARE, AND I SHOULDN'T SAY HALF, MANY OF
12 THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THERE MAY BE INIMICAL TO THE COUNTY'S
13 OWN INTERESTS, NUMBER ONE. NUMBER TWO, IF THERE ARE A LOT OF
14 THINGS IN THERE THAT WE DON'T AGREE WITH THEN WHY WOULD WE ASK
15 THE GOVERNOR TO CONSIDER HER REPORT, EVEN TO CONSIDER IT? I'M
16 NOT GOING TO AFFIX MY NAME TO ASKING THE STATE TO CONSIDER
17 SOMETHING THAT I DON'T AGREE WITH, OR EVEN IN PART DON'T AGREE
18 WITH. LET'S PICK AND CHOOSE. THIRDLY, I THINK MS. MOLINA'S
19 POINT, SHE SAID IT VERY WELL, AND IT WAS WHAT I WAS TRYING TO
20 INARTICULATELY SAY AT THE OUTSET. THIS IS GOING TO FALL ON
21 DEAF EARS AND IF WE HAVE SOMETHING WE WANT TO COMMUNICATE UP
22 THERE, LET IT BE SOMETHING IMPORTANT. AND NO OFFENSE TO MR.
23 JANSSEN, I THINK ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS WE OUGHT TO ASK HIM TO
24 COMMUNICATE IT AND WE'VE ASKED HIM TO DO THAT IN THE PAST AND
25 LET'S SAVE UP OUR 5-SIGNATURE LETTERS FOR SOMETHING THAT IS



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1 PENDING AND THAT HAS THE PROSPECT OF EITHER HELPING OR REALLY
2 HURTING US IN OUR LIFETIME. THAT'S ALL, ANYWAY I DON'T THINK
3 WE NEED TO DEBATE THIS, THE ONLY THING WORSE THAN APPROVING
4 THIS IS DEBATING IT FOR TWO HOURS AND I'M SORRY I BROUGHT IT
5 UP.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD SAY THE ONLY WORSE IS THE STATUS QUO.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THIS DOESN'T CHANGE THE STATUS QUO, I'M
10 ALL FOR RESTRUCTURING THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL
11 RELATIONSHIP, WHATEVER THE HELL THAT MEANS, BUT IF IT MEANS
12 THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE SURRENDERING MUCH OF OUR REVENUE TO
13 CITIES AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS AT OUR EXPENSE, THEN I HAVE A
14 PROBLEM WITH IT, SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS, YOU KNOW, IT'S
15 LIKE THE NECESSARY AND PROPER CLAUSE OF THE UNITED STATES
16 CONSTITUTION, ALL DEPENDS WHO'S DOING THE INTERPRETING AND
17 WHO'S DOING THE WRITING, SO LET'S WAIT UNTIL IT GETS SPECIFIC.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN THE STATE TAKES FIVE CENTS OUT OF EVERY
20 EIGHT AND A QUARTER --

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MIKE YOU ARE A MASTER AT BRINGING IN MOTIONS
23 FOR 5-SIGNATURE LETTERS.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, AND AS YOU ARE AS WELL.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I FEEL FOR THE OAK TREES THAT ARE BEING
3 FELLED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAPER THAT WE'RE WRITING
4 THESE 5-SIGNATURE LETTERS ON.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. AS YOU KNOW, THE STATE TAKES FIVE CENTS
7 OUT OF EVERY EIGHT AND A QUARTER CENTS SALES TAX. CITIES AND
8 COUNTIES DON'T HAVE THOSE FUNDS. THEY GO TO SACRAMENTO.
9 SECONDLY, THE STATE IS CONFISCATING A LARGE SHARE OF OUR
10 PROPERTY TAXES. THAT IS CONTINUING TO EXIST, AND THE CAP FOR
11 ASSESSED EVALUATION INCREASES HAS BEEN VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR.
12 SO WE ARE IN A CATCH-22 POSITION OF HAVING PROGRAMS WE CAN'T
13 AFFORD AND LAWSUITS MANDATING THOSE PROGRAMS. THE ONLY WAY
14 YOU'RE GOING TO RESOLVE THIS IS HAVE FULL SUPPORT FROM LOCAL
15 GOVERNMENTS TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE AND COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS.
16 HAVING THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST WHO IS A NONPARTISAN
17 REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PEOPLE WHO WORKS WITH THE LEGISLATURE
18 INVOLVED IN THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL HELP BRING ABOUT A
19 RESOLUTION, AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AH, BUT MIKE, YOU'VE WORKED AND YOU'VE BEEN
22 IN SACRAMENTO, YOU KNOW THAT WHAT THEY DO WITH THESE KINDS OF
23 PROPOSALS, THEY USUALLY REFER THEM TO INTERIM FOR SOME KIND OF
24 HEARINGS TO DETERMINE ANY KIND OF LONG-TERM POLICY LIKE THIS.
25 THEY DON'T -- AND PARTICULARLY, THEY AREN'T GOING TO DEAL WITH



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1 IT WHEN THEY'RE UP INVOLVED IN A BUDGET CRISIS LIKE THEY ARE
2 NOW. SO, I MEAN, THIS IS KIND OF LIKE A -- I'M NOT SURE WHAT
3 IT IS, BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT, YOU KNOW, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
4 WRITE THE LETTER, I THINK THAT WE WOULD -- NONE OF US WOULD BE
5 OBJECTING TO THAT AND YOU CAN -- BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THERE'S NOT
6 A LOT OF ENTHUSIASM FROM EVERYBODY ELSE HERE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS LONG AS HE WRITES IT FOR HIMSELF, NOT
9 SPEAKING FOR ME.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH, FOR -- WRITES IT FOR HIMSELF AND SAY,
12 YOU KNOW, THAT WE'VE DISCUSSED THIS AND SOME OF THOSE
13 PROPOSALS ARE VERY IMPORTANT. ALL RIGHT. IS THERE A MOTION?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D MOVE THE MOTION AS AMENDED.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MOVE -- I -- I'LL MOVE A SUBSTITUTE, THAT
18 WE RECEIVE AND FILE THIS ITEM, AND THAT EVERY MEMBER IS
19 ENTITLED TO WRITE HIS OWN LETTER.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE A SECOND? ALL RIGHT.
22 ANY OBJECTION?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I OBJECT.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ONE OBJECTION. MEASURE IS APPROVED --
2 SUBSTITUTE IS APPROVED. WHAT'S THE NEXT ITEM?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK I NOW HAVE ITEM 25 ORGANIZED HERE.
5 I'D LIKE TO ADD TWO THINGS, AND I DIDN'T HAVE IT IN WRITING,
6 BUT I'LL DO IT VERBALLY, IF MS. MOLINA WILL ACCEPT THIS, THAT
7 IN ADDITION TO HER MOTION, WHICH I SUPPORT, THAT SPECIAL
8 COUNSEL SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE SHERIFF IMPLEMENTS A TRACKING
9 AND RECORDATION PROTOCOL WHEREBY THE DEPARTMENT CAN KEEP TRACK
10 OF WHICH DEPUTY OR GROUP OF DEPUTIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR STRIP
11 SEARCH OF ANY PARTICULAR INMATES. OKAY, DO YOU HAVE ANY
12 PROBLEM WITH THAT? OKAY. SO THAT WOULD BE ONE. AND THE SECOND
13 THING IS BEFORE THIS GETS IMPLEMENTED, IF YOU COULD -- IF WE
14 COULD JUST FIND OUT FROM MR. BOBB, IS THIS GOING TO BE PART OF
15 HIS CONTRACT, OR IS THIS GOING TO EXPAND IT, AND IF SO, BY HOW
16 MUCH, SO THAT WE KNOW -- WE HAVE FULL DISCLOSURE AS TO HOW
17 MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST, I THINK WE NEED IT BUT I'D LIKE TO
18 MAKE SURE WE DON'T QUIT THE BANK.

19

20 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** SO YOU WOULD LIKE TO INQUIRE AS TO WHETHER
21 HE'LL BE ABLE TO COVER THIS UNDER HIS EXISTING CONTRACT?

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. I THINK THAT WOULD BE WHAT WE WOULD
24 EXPECT OF HIM. HE IS OUR SPECIAL COUNSEL.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL WAIT, WAIT. THAT YOU'RE ASKING THAT HE COVER
2 IT OR TO INFORM US?

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4 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** WELL I'M ASSUMING THAT AT THIS POINT IN THE
5 FISCAL YEAR HE HASN'T RUN OUT ALL OF HIS CONTRACT AMOUNT YET,
6 AND I WOULD ARRANGE WITH EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN SENDING OVER THE
7 MINUTES ONCE APPROVED BY THE BOARD INDICATING THAT THIS IS AN
8 ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD AND ASK HIM IF THIS IS SOMETHING
9 THAT WILL NEED TO BE MODIFIED WITH RESPECT TO HIS CONTRACT.
10 I'LL CHECK FIRST BEFORE SENDING THEM AS TO SEE WHAT OUR
11 RECORDS ARE AS TO HOW MUCH HE'S BILLED SO FAR. IT'S JUST HIS
12 CONTRACT BASICALLY CALLS FOR THE TWO SEMIANNUAL REPORTS, AND
13 THEN IT ALSO INDICATES THAT HE MAY DO OTHER REPORTS AS
14 REQUESTED BY THE BOARD AND/OR THE SHERIFF. I DON'T KNOW HOW
15 MUCH OF HIS CONTRACT AMOUNT HE MAY HAVE SPENT OR WILL HAVE
16 SPENT BY THE TIME HE DOES THE SECOND ANNUAL -- OR SEMIANNUAL
17 REPORT ON THIS SO.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT. ALL I
20 KNOW IS THAT IT -- THE FIRST STRIP SEARCH DETENTION CASE COST
21 US HOW MUCH, MR. PELLMAN?

22

23 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** WELL, IF YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE CLASS
24 ACTION, IT WAS 27 MILLION, WE HAD BEFORE THAT 150 MILLION.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** 27 MILLION DOLLARS. THAT HAPPENED TWO YEARS AGO.

2 AND THEN THIS MUSSO CASE COST US HOW MUCH?

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4 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** THIS ONE WAS 2.75.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT.

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8 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** THEY WERE --

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT, SO WHAT I'M SAYING IS --

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12 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** CONCURRENTLY BEING LITIGATED HOWEVER.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT, WELL WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT AGAIN, IT'S
15 AMAZING THAT WE WENT THROUGH STRIP SEARCHES AT THIS POINT IN
16 TIME, PARTICULARLY WHEN THERE HAD BEEN A RULING AND AN ORDER
17 THAT WE SHOULDN'T BE DOING THEM. AGAIN, MY CONCERN IS THAT
18 THIS DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO BE MONITORED. NOW, HOW, WHEN, WHO,
19 WHY, HOWEVER IT'S DONE IS I WOULD LOVE TO KNOW, BUT I HOPE IT
20 DOESN'T HINDER WHAT WE NEED TO HAVE DONE HERE, BECAUSE THEY DO
21 NEED TO BE MONITORED, UNFORTUNATELY, AND, YOU KNOW.

22

23 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** RIGHT, MY ONLY CONCERN WITH RESPECT TO THE
24 COST IS THAT WE HAVE ASSIGNED HIM SOME OTHER ISSUES, AS YOU
25 KNOW, THAT HE'S BEEN SPENDING SOME TIME ON.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, LET'S JUST ASSUME FOR THE SAKE OF
3 ARGUMENT SINCE HE HAS IN HIS CONTRACT SUCH OTHER THINGS AS THE
4 BOARD MAY REQUEST HIM TO DO, THAT HE'S GOT MONEY AVAILABLE TO
5 DO THAT, AND IF THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH THAT, YOU CAN INFORM US
6 ABOUT SOME OTHER WAY OR WHAT THE DAMAGE WILL BE OR WHAT
7 ADDITIONAL MONEY HE NEEDS, IF HE NEEDS IT. BUT I JUST DON'T
8 WANT TO -- WITHOUT KNOWING --

9

10 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE PRICE TAG IS.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH, I THINK THAT
13 FAIR.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL IF THAT'S CLEAR THEN THAT'S MOVED AS AMENDED,
16 AND ANY OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. NEXT ITEM?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, I THINK I'M, HANG ON, YES, I'M
19 SORRY, I DID HOLD, ALONG WITH DON, ITEM NUMBER 4.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** BARRY YOU WANT TO COME ON UP?

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU WANT ME TO READ MY AMENDMENT?

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** PLEASE.



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SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I'LL JUST READ THE RESOLVE PART. I THEREFORE
MOVE THAT THE BOARD INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
TO REPORT TO THE BOARD IN TWO WEEKS ON THE S.A.R.S. EPIDEMIC
AND ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE REPORT
SHOULD INCLUDE IN ADDITION TO THE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION
EFFORTS CALLED FOR IN SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION A PLAN OF
ACTION TO RESPOND TO S.A.R.S. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, INCLUDING
A PLAN FOR SYSTEM WIDE RESPONSE TO A WORST-CASE SCENARIO
EPIDEMIC.

11

SUP. KNABE: I SUPPORT THAT. BARRY SEDLIK WITH THE WORLD TRADE
ASSOCIATION IN LOS ANGELES LONG BEACH, BARRY, THANK YOU FOR
WAITING.

15

BARRY SEDLIK: THANK YOU SO MUCH, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM
THE C.E.O. OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER ASSOCIATION FOR LOS
ANGELES AND LONG BEACH AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER FOR THE LOS
ANGELES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. AND WE ARE HERE THIS
AFTERNOON TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION TO CONVENE A
BUSINESS AND HEALTH ADVISORY TASK FORCE ON S.A.R.S. DAVID
JANSSEN, IN HIS REPORT THIS MORNING, RELATED THAT OUR ECONOMY
IS NOT EXPECTED TO SEE A TURNAROUND UNTIL SOMETIME NEXT YEAR.
A HEALTHY ECONOMY WITH HIGH EMPLOYMENT IS OUR BEST LONG-TERM
SOLUTION TO PROVIDE THE REVENUES NEEDED TO FUND CRITICAL



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1 COMMUNITY SERVICES. WE MUST DO WHAT WE CAN NOT TO JEOPARDIZE
2 OUR ECONOMY'S RECOVERY AND GROWTH. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
3 ABOUT ONE OUT OF 12 JOBS DEPENDS ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND
4 TOURISM. WHILE THE COUNTY HAS THE OBLIGATION TO PROTECT THE
5 PUBLIC HEALTH, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT COMMERCE, TRADE, AND
6 TOURISM NOT BE IMPEDED BY FEAR AND INNUENDO. CERTAINLY, ALL
7 PRUDENT MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN TO GUARD AGAINST THIS LATEST
8 PUBLIC MENACE, BUT WE MUST COLLECTIVELY DO ALL WE CAN TO
9 PROVIDE ACCURATE PUBLIC INFORMATION SO THAT TOURISM, TRADE,
10 AND COMMERCE IN OUR COUNTY DO NOT BECOME UNNECESSARY VICTIMS
11 OF THIS DISEASE. WE SUPPORT THE MOTION AND WE PLEDGE OUR
12 ASSISTANCE IN ANY MANNER THAT THE BOARD DEEMS USEFUL TO THIS
13 IMPORTANT ISSUE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, BARRY. IT'S BEEN MOVED AS AMENDED. ANY
16 OBJECTIONS? SO ORDERED. MADAM CHAIR, IT'S BACK TO YOU.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOU'RE UP, SUPERVISOR KNABE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A FEW ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST
23 OF ALL, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AMANDA SERAPIN, AMANDA IS
24 A HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED EQUESTRIAN. SHE DIED TRAGICALLY WHILE
25 ENGAGED IN THE ACTIVITY SHE EMBRACED WITH A PASSION ON APRIL



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1 24TH. SHE WAS BORN IN JULY OF 1977. SHE WILL ALWAYS BE
2 REMEMBERED FOR HER HUMOR, HER STRIKING BEAUTY, KINDNESS,
3 COURAGE, COMMON SENSE, FUN LOVING PRESENCE AND HER FREE
4 SPIRIT, HER GUST FOR LIFE AND PEOPLE. AMANDA WAS THE YOUNGEST
5 DAUGHTER OF LIZ SERAPIN WHO WORKS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
6 OFFICE OF EDUCATION. SHE WAS ALSO THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF MY
7 APPOINTEE TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN, JANET MUMMY. A
8 TRAGIC ACCIDENT. SHE WAS JUST A YOUNG 26 YEARS OLD. SO ADJOURN
9 IN AMANDA'S MEMORY. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HECTOR
10 SEPEDA, SR., WHO PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 24TH AT THE AGE OF 69, A
11 RESIDENT OF HARBOR CITY FOR 35 YEARS, A 37-YEAR MEMBER OF
12 INTERNATIONAL LONG SHORE AND WAREHOUSE UNION LOCAL 26 WHERE HE
13 SERVED AS BUSINESS AGENT AND VICE PRESIDENT. IN 1997, HECTOR
14 WAS HONORED WITH THE CESAR CHAVEZ LABOR HERO AWARD BY THE
15 HARRY BRIDGES INSTITUTE FOR HIS LIFELONG DEDICATION TO HIS
16 UNION AND CONSTANT FIGHT FOR WORKERS' RIGHTS. HE WAS LIKED BY
17 ALL AND LOVED BY MOST AND WILL BE MISSED BY EVERYONE WHO KNEW
18 HIM. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 40 YEARS, SECORRO, AND THREE
19 CHILDREN, ESTER, HELEN, AND HECTOR THE SECOND, AND THREE
20 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WARREN
21 DOBBINS. AND WARREN IS A LONG-TIME SOUTH BAY AREA RESIDENT,
22 AND WAS THE OWNER AND OPERATOR OF MCDONALD RESTAURANTS IN
23 LOMITA AND CARSON, WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE LOMITA CHAMBER, THE
24 HARBOR CITY LIONS CLUB AND NUMEROUS OTHER COMMUNITY



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1 ORGANIZATIONS IN HARBOR CITY IN LOMITA. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
2 WIFE, DOROTHY AND DAUGHTER, KIM.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** LET'S SEE, WE DID 4, OH AND ITEM 23, SUPERVISOR
7 MOLINA'S MOTION, I JUST HELD IT TO ADD THE D.O.J., THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THAT'S THE ONLY REASON I HELD IT. I'M
9 NOT SURE OF THAT, THAT MIGHT BE UNDER HOMELAND SECURITY NOW,
10 THE WHOLE IMMIGRATION ISSUE, SO WE'LL JUST NEED A D.O.J. OR
11 HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT, JUST ADD THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT
12 THEY'RE -- WITH THAT, I SUPPORT THE MOTION.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHICH MOTION?

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S ITEM 23.

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20 **SUP. KNABE:** ITEM 23.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ZEV, DID YOU ASK TO CONTINUE IT?

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE AN AMENDMENT. I HAVE -- 23.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE CONTINUED 23?

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO. NO, I HELD IT, THE MOTION.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I ASKED EARLIER WHICH ONE WAS CONTINUED BECAUSE
6 OF A HEARING.

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE DIO FROMA BILL, ITEM 33.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** 33, OKAY, THEN I DON'T HAVE AN AMENDMENT FOR THAT
11 ONE AT ALL.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** NO. I DID. YOU DON'T, ITEM 23, I HELD ALONG WITH
14 YOU, AND ALL I WANT TO DO IS TO AMEND IT TO INCLUDE THE LETTER
15 TO GO TO THE --

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND, DON, I UNDERSTAND,

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL GOOD, I'M GLAD YOU UNDERSTAND.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** EXCEPT I THOUGHT -- I THOUGHT THAT I HAD -- WE
22 HAD CONTINUED ITEM 23. I WAS CLARIFIED BY 33 'CAUSE I HAVE
23 ANOTHER AMENDMENT FOR THAT AS WELL.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE AN AMENDMENT AS WELL.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THERE ARE TWO AMENDMENTS. COULD
5 -- LET'S PASS OUT ALL THE AMENDMENTS.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, MY AMENDMENT IS JUST THAT UPON BEING
8 HONORABLY DISCHARGED, JUST THE WORDS "UPON BEING," AND
9 THEREFORE MOVE. THAT PRESIDENT BUSH HAD SIGNED AN EXECUTIVE
10 ORDER LAST YEAR, AS YOU KNOW, THAT FACILITATES THOSE
11 INDIVIDUALS BEING HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE MILITARY WHO
12 ARE NON CITIZENS TO BECOME CITIZENS, SO.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAD AMENDMENTS SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, I DO. I HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT -- I HAVE NO
17 IDEA WHAT THIS AMENDMENT SAYS. THEY WANT YOU TO SEND LATER,
18 DAVID, ONE OF THOSE 5-SIGNATURE LETTERS AGAIN.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ZEV'S GOING TO GIVE YOU ONE OF HIS OAK TREES.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. NOW WE GOT THE CLARIFICATION. TO A
23 WHOLE NEW BILL. RIGHT? TO HR-1814. ALL RIGHT. THERE ARE TWO
24 BILLS UP THERE. ONE IS SENATE BILL 789, WHICH IS THE BOXER
25 NELSON BILL. THAT IS THE ONE THAT MR. ANTONOVICH HAS JUST SAID



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1 THAT HE'D LIKE TO AMEND. RIGHT NOW, THE BUSH -- THE BILL,
2 EXCUSE ME, IT WILL EXPEDITE THE NATURALIZATION SERVICES FOR
3 PERMANENT U.S. RESIDENTS SERVING IN THE MILITARY. WHAT MR.
4 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION DOES IS IT WOULD ONLY EXPEDITE THEM AFTER
5 YOU'VE FINISHED MILITARY SERVICE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO AFTER BEING HONORABLY DISCHARGED, NOT
8 AFTER YOU FINISH --

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. THIS WOULD CHANGE THE BILL. I WOULD OBJECT
11 TO THAT AMENDMENT. I DON'T OBJECT TO MR. KNABE'S AMENDMENT. I
12 THINK HIS IS QUITE -- THE LETTER. NOW, LET'S GO BACK TO THE
13 OTHER ONE. THE OTHER ONE IS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT WE
14 ALSO LEND OUR SUPPORT TO A BILL BY SENATOR HILDA SOLLIZ, WHICH
15 IS HR-1814, AND THIS IS AGAINST THE HOUSE VERSION OF BASICALLY
16 THE SAME BOXER LEGISLATION.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST SAY, MADAM CHAIRMAN, YOU CAN
19 SERVE IN THE MILITARY AND HAVE A DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE AND
20 THAT WOULD NOT ENTITLE -- SHOULD NOT ENTITLE YOU FOR AUTOMATIC
21 CITIZENSHIP. CITIZENSHIP SHOULD BE UPON THOSE WHO HAVE
22 HONORABLY BEEN DISCHARGED AND THAT'S A VERY GOOD INCENTIVE,
23 BUT IT'S ALSO A RESPONSIBLE ADDITION.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, I'M NOT SURE THAT THAT'S WHAT THE
2 BILL PROVIDES.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO I'M SAYING THAT THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ASKING
5 THAT IT INCLUDE "UPON BEING HONORABLY DISCHARGED," OTHERWISE
6 YOU'RE SUPPORTING A BILL THAT GIVES CITIZENSHIP TO A PERSON
7 WHO COULD BE DISHONORABLY DISCHARGED AND THAT WOULD BE WRONG.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT DOESN'T GIVE CITIZENSHIP TO ANYBODY, IT DOES
10 NOT, IT EXPEDITES THEIR APPLICATION WHILE THEY'RE SERVING IN
11 THE MILITARY, THAT'S IT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** REGARDLESS IF THEY SERVE HONORABLY OR THEY
14 HAVE A DISHONORABLE SERVICE.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN MICHAEL, IT DOESN'T --

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'VE BEEN IN THE MILITARY, I'D KNOW WHAT THE
19 PROCESS IS. IF YOU HAVE A DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE --

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** MICHAEL, YOU CANNOT BE DISHONORABLY DISCHARGED
22 WHILE YOU'RE SERVING IN THE MILITARY.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES, YOU CAN.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND, BUT THE POINT IS THAT AT THE SAME
2 TIME IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE DISCHARGED DISHONORABLY, OBVIOUSLY
3 YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET YOUR CITIZENSHIP. THEY'RE SAYING THAT
4 THIS WOULD EXPEDITE IT WHILE YOU'RE SERVING. NOW, WHILE YOU'RE
5 SERVING, THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE, CITIZENS INCLUDING, WHO
6 GET DISHONORABLY DISCHARGED. THEY WOULD BE TREATED AT THE SAME
7 LEVEL.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND ACTUALLY, THE PERSON COULD DECIDE TO BE
10 A CAREER PERSON AND SPEND 20 YEARS SO THEY WOULDN'T GET IT
11 UNTIL 20 YEARS AFTER THEY SERVED, IF YOU HAVE TO WAIT 'TIL
12 THEY'RE HONORABLY DISCHARGED -- [MIXED VOICES]

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S NOT TRUE, BECAUSE IF YOU WERE GOING TO
15 BE A 20-YEAR OFFICER OR ENLISTED PERSON, AND YOU WOULD GO
16 THROUGH THE CITIZENSHIP PROCESS JUST LIKE OTHERS GO THROUGH
17 THE CITIZENSHIP. OKAY. I'M JUST SAYING THOSE WHO RECEIVE AN
18 HONORABLE DISCHARGE OUGHT TO RECEIVE THAT. THOSE WHO WILL WANT
19 TO SERVE FOR 20 YEARS, THEY HAVE THE RIGHT OF ANY OTHER
20 CITIZEN --

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL SUPPOSE THEY SERVE 10 YEARS, SUPPOSE
23 THEY SERVE 7 YEARS?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL VOTE FOR IT OR VOTE AGAINST IT, I'M JUST
2 GIVING MY POINT OF VIEW, I MEAN ALL RIGHT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL IT SAYS HERE THAT THEY WILL BE HONORABLY
5 DISCHARGED. IT SAYS RIGHT HERE. TO EXPEDITE THE NATURALIZATION
6 SERVICE FOR PERMANENT U.S. RESIDENTS SERVING IN THE MILITARY
7 WHO WILL BE HONORABLY DISCHARGED.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHO WILL BE HONOR -- UPON, UPON -- WHO WILL
10 BE, AFTER -- THEY RECEIVE, YEAH.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** WHO WILL BE HONORABLY DISCHARGED.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH, UPON THEIR DISCHARGE FROM THE MILITARY.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, THAT'S WHAT IT SAYS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** UPON THEIR DISCHARGE FROM THE MILITARY.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** WHO WILL BE HONORABLY DISCHARGED, JUST WHAT YOU'RE
21 SAYING. THAT'S WHAT IT SAYS RIGHT HERE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SO THE AMENDMENT'S NOT
24 NECESSARY?

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT, I DON'T THINK THE AMENDMENT IS NECESSARY.
2 YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET CITIZENSHIP IF YOU'RE DISHONORABLY
3 DISCHARGED, I MEAN, EXCUSE ME.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. YOU'RE CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN THAT'S -- THE DEAL'S RIGHT HERE.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IS IT MOVED AND SECONDED WITH -- SHE
10 ACCEPTS DON'S AMENDMENT. WITHOUT OBJECTION -- OR ARE YOU
11 OBJECTING? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ARE YOU OBJECTING?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE LANGUAGE OF THE
14 MOTION BEFORE ME.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL SHOW HE ABSTAINS. SO IT'S
17 ADOPTED WITH ONE ABSTENTION. WHAT'S THE NEXT ITEM?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** I HELD ITEM 24, THE KUEHL BILL.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK ON
22 THIS.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, OKAY. SHEILA HOFF, JOANNE LEAVITT, AND DORIS
2 NELSON, TSOLINI NELSON, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME UP FIRST? AND
3 THEN WE'LL CALL JIM HILFENHAUS.

4

5 **SHEILA HOFF:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M SHEILA HOFF FROM HEALTHCARE
6 FOR ALL SOUTH BAY LONG BEACH, THE DIRECTOR, AND I'M ALSO CHAIR
7 OF THE L.A. REGIONAL COMMITTEE TO PASS SENATE BILL 921, AND
8 I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA FOR BRINGING THIS
9 BEFORE THE BOARD. THIS DISCUSSION HAS SUCH VAST RAMIFICATIONS
10 FOR THE FUTURE OF THE SUSTAINABILITY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND
11 ITS RESIDENTS. I ASK YOU TO PLEASE VOTE TO SUPPORT S.B.-921,
12 KUEHL'S HEALTHCARE FOR ALL CALIFORNIANS ACT. FOR THE FIRST
13 TIME WE HAVE BEFORE US A BILL THAT INTEGRATES ALL THE FACTORS
14 THAT ONE COULD COME UP WITH THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR A
15 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, IF WE WERE STARTING AT THE GROUND LEVEL. IT
16 HAS EVERYTHING IMAGINABLE THAT YOU WOULD NEED TO DELIVER,
17 FINANCE, AND PROVIDE CARE. IT REPRESENTS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF
18 PUBLIC POLICY BY PROVIDING A FAIR AND JUST SYSTEM FOR ALL
19 RESIDENTS. IT REPRESENTS THE SYSTEM THAT WILL PUT DOLLARS
20 WHERE THEY WILL NOW DO THE MOST GOOD. CURRENTLY, WE ARE
21 SPENDING DOLLARS ON HEALTHCARE AS A LAST RESORT, AS YOU SEE
22 WITH OUR TROUBLE WITH THE EMERGENCY SYSTEM. IN SB-921, WE WILL
23 DEVELOP A HEALTHCARE SYSTEM THAT WE WOULD ALL WANT, WHERE
24 MONEY PROVIDES THE BEST PREVENTIVE CARE SYSTEM FOR ALL. NO
25 LONGER WILL THE EMERGENCY SERVICES BE UNNEEDLESSLY TAXED --



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1 NEEDLESSLY TAXED AND CAN BE THERE FOR MORE OF THE POPULACE.
2 THIS WILL SAVE LIVES. LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILL HAVE A HEALTHIER
3 COMMUNITY AND MORE RESOURCES BECAUSE OF THE PASSAGE OF THIS
4 MEASURE. SO WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT IS THERE ANYTHING IN
5 SACRAMENTO DOWN THE PIKE THAT WILL HELP LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
6 THIS IS IT. YOUR VOTE FOR THIS MOTION WILL SEND A STRONG
7 MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC AND TO SACRAMENTO. WE ARE FINDING SUCH
8 WIDE SUPPORT FOR THIS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS MORE AND MORE
9 GROUPS UNDERSTAND THIS. THEY KNOW THIS IS RIGHT AND THE TIMING
10 IS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT AS UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE IS STRONGLY IN THE
11 FOREFRONT. A RECENT COLUMN IN THE L.A. TIMES REPORTED THAT THE
12 PUBLIC RANKS HEALTHCARE AS A GREATER CONCERN THAN TERRORISM.
13 THOSE THAT CURRENTLY HAVE HEALTHCARE COVERAGE KNOW THAT IT
14 LACKS STABILITY. THE BILL IS STILL IN PROCESS. CURRENT
15 LANGUAGE IS A STARTING POINT FOR DEVELOPING A PLAN. SENATOR
16 KUEHL LOOKS FORWARD TO A CLOSE AND ONGOING COLLABORATION WITH
17 LOS ANGELES IN DESIGNING A SINGLE PAYER SYSTEM MEETING THE
18 NEEDS OF LOS ANGELES WILL BE AN EARLY PRIORITY. PLEASE JOIN
19 THE RANKS OF SUPPORTERS THAT ARE RECOGNIZING THAT WE CAN'T
20 DELIVER HEALTHCARE IN AN UNCERTAIN ENVIRONMENT ANY LONGER.
21 S.B.-921 WILL FINALLY DELIVER A HEALTHCARE SYSTEM THAT IS
22 PERMANENT, PROVIDES FULL CHOICE, QUALITY, COST SAVINGS, AND
23 MAKES GOOD SENSE.
24
25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SHEILA HOFF:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. HILFENHAUS, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME
5 FORWARD. YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

6

7 **JOANNE LEAVITT:** YES JOANNE LEAVITT, I'M PRESIDENT OF THE
8 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK
9 YOU FOR BRINGING THIS IMPORTANT MEASURE TO YOUR AGENDA TODAY.
10 THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA SUPPORTS S.B.-921 FOR
11 MANY REASONS. FIRST, A LITTLE BACKGROUND. WE STRONGLY
12 SUPPORTED S.B.-480 WHICH LED TO THE NEWLAND GROUP STUDY AND
13 THE HEALTHCARE OPTIONS PROJECT. THE RESULTS SHOW OF THE NINE
14 OPTIONS STUDIED, ONLY A SINGLE PAYER PLAN WOULD PROVIDE CARE
15 FOR ALL CALIFORNIANS REGARDLESS OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS OR
16 PREEXISTING CONDITIONS. THIS CAN BE DONE WITHOUT ANY ADDED
17 COST TO THE EMPLOYERS WHO ARE INCREASINGLY BURDENED BY DOUBLE
18 DIGIT INCREASES IN HEALTHCARE PREMIUMS OR ANY ADDED COST TO
19 STATE AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS, AND I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU HOW
20 IMPORTANT THAT IS. AT THE SAME TIME, IT WOULD ALLOW THE
21 SERVICES TO REMAIN PRIVATE, EACH PATIENT COULD SELECT THEIR
22 OWN PROVIDER. HEALTHCARE DECISIONS WOULD BE MADE BY THE
23 PATIENT AND HIS OR HER PROVIDER. IN THE SHORT COME, THIS ADDS
24 NO NEW SPENDING. LONG-TERM SAVINGS CAN BE ACHIEVED BY
25 CONTROLLING COSTS BY REDUCING ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE.



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1 CURRENTLY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE IS FROM 25 TO 40% OF EVERY
2 HEALTHCARE DOLLAR AND IT CAN BE REDUCED TO ABOUT 5% BY THIS.
3 AND BY BOTH PURCHASING TO GAIN DISCOUNTS ON MEDICATIONS,
4 DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER SUPPLIES. NO ONE STANDS
5 TO GAIN MORE FROM THIS THAN THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES
6 COUNTY. CURRENTLY, ABOUT SIX MILLION CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ARE
7 WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE, ABOUT 80% OF THOSE ARE EMPLOYED.
8 HALF OF THESE RESIDENTS LIVE IN ONE OF YOUR FIVE DISTRICTS
9 SOMEWHERE IN THIS COUNTY. I URGE YOU NOT ONLY TO SEND A 5-
10 SIGNATURE LETTER -- SORRY, ZEV -- TO THOSE LISTED, BUT ALSO
11 HAVE SOMEONE PRESENT TO SPEAK IN THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE
12 HEARINGS TOMORROW.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SHAPIRO, PLEASE COME
15 FORWARD. STATE YOUR NAME PLEASE. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

16

17 **DORIS NELSON:** I'M DORIS NELSON, DORIS TSOLINI NELSON, I'M WITH
18 HEALTHCARE FOR ALL, LOS ANGELES, AND I URGE THE SUPERVISORS
19 HERE TO VOTE IN SUPPORT OF S.B.-921 WHICH WILL IN FACT ADDRESS
20 THE MULTIPLE ISSUES OF OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN THIS COUNTY
21 AND THROUGHOUT THE STATE. WITH S.B.-921, EVERY RESIDENT OF
22 CALIFORNIA WOULD BE INSURED, PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE BENEFITS.
23 PEOPLE WOULD NO LONGER BE USING THE EMERGENCY ROOMS FOR
24 PRIMARY CARE. WITH S.B.-921, EVERY SERVICE WOULD BE
25 REIMBURSED, SO NEEDED EMERGENCY ROOMS WOULD NOT CLOSE DUE TO



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1 UNCOMPENSATED CARE. OUR HOSPITALS WOULD HAVE YEARLY GLOBAL
2 BUDGETS, WE WOULDN'T BE CONSIDERING CLOSURE OF RANCHO LOS
3 AMIGOS, OUR NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CENTER FOR TREATING SEVERE
4 HEAD AND SPINAL INJURIES. WE WOULD HAVE ENOUGH STAFFED BEDS IN
5 OUR HOSPITALS SO THAT PEOPLE WOULD NOT DIE WAITING IN THE
6 EMERGENCY ROOM FOR AN INTENSIVE CARE BED. S.B.-921 -- WITH
7 S.B.-921, WE WOULD BE OPENING MORE CLINICS, NOT CLOSING THEM.
8 A RECENT REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON CALIFORNIA STATE
9 GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION AND ECONOMY, KNOWN AS THE LITTLE
10 HOOVER COMMISSION, DESCRIBES A 30-YEAR EROSION OF PUBLIC
11 HEALTH SYSTEM THAT HAS LEFT CALIFORNIA VULNERABLE TO DISEASE
12 OUTBREAKS, AND WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR S.A.R.S., ANY KIND OF
13 INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IS GOING TO BE DISASTROUS. THE
14 DETERIORATION REFLECTS BOTH, AND THIS IS FROM THE STUDY,
15 DETERIORATION REFLECTS BOTH A SHORTAGE OF MONEY AND A LACK OF
16 CENTRALIZED LEADERSHIP IN THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. 921 WILL
17 PROVIDE BOTH THE MONEY AND THE STATEWIDE LEADERSHIP TO RENEW
18 OUR PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM. 921 IS FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE. IT
19 SPENDS OUR HEALTHCARE DOLLARS FOR SERVICE, NOT FOR
20 ADMINISTRATION. ITS ABILITY TO CONTROL COSTS CREATES A
21 SUSTAINABLE SYSTEM WHERE HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS FOR BOTH
22 BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT ARE STABLE AND PREDICTABLE. S.B.-921
23 IS CONSERVATIVE IN THE FUNDAMENTAL SENSE OF THAT WORD. IT
24 CONSERVES THE WELL BEING OF OUR PEOPLE, IT CONSERVES OUR
25 RESOURCES, BOTH HUMAN AND MONETARY, AND IT CONSERVES AND



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1 PROMOTES OUR COMMON GOOD AND OUR SENSE OF COMMUNITY WITHOUT
2 WHICH WE CANNOT SURVIVE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. HILFENHAUS?

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6 **JIM HILFENHAUS:** YES MY NAME IS JIM HILFENHAUS AND I'M PUBLIC
7 AFFAIRS DIRECTOR FOR LABOR'S LOCAL 300. WE WANT TO SPEAK ON
8 THIS ISSUE AND THANK SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR BRINGING THIS
9 FORWARD. WE'RE SUPPORTIVE OF BOTH THE ITEMS, S.B.-921 AND
10 S.B.-2. THESE ARE TWO GOOD ITEMS TO CORRECT A CONDITION THAT
11 EXISTS OUT THERE. FOR LABOR UNIONS, 80% OF OUR STRIKES OCCUR
12 AROUND HEALTHCARE ISSUES. WHEN WE GO UP AND LABOR READY
13 PROVIDES EMPLOYMENT, THEY PROVIDE PEOPLE GOING OUT TO WORK
14 WITH FORMS ON HOW TO FILE FOR COUNTY HEALTHCARE. THAT'S THEIR
15 SYSTEM. WE SEE THAT 921 IS A COMPLETE SOLUTION AND S.B.-2 IS A
16 PARTIAL SOLUTION. S.B.-2 WORKS FOR THE JANITORS AND THE
17 WORKERS ON A PERMANENT SCALE WHERE AN EMPLOYER PROVIDES
18 HEALTHCARE AND ANOTHER ONE DOESN'T, IT WILL PUT THEM ON AN
19 EQUAL FOOTING. 921 WILL PROVIDE US ALL WITH HEALTHCARE SO THAT
20 A PARENT AS WE LOOK AT HEALTHY FAMILIES AND HEALTHY CHILDREN
21 WILL NOT BE MAKING TOO MUCH MONEY TO QUALIFY FOR BEING POOR
22 AND HAVE TO LOOK AT THEIR CHILD AND SAY, "OBRETO YOU NEED TO
23 HURT. THAT'S THE ONLY WAY IT'S GOING TO GO. WE DON'T HAVE
24 MONEY TO TAKE YOU TO THE DOCTOR." THIS IS A SOLUTION, IT'S
25 BEEN STUDIED, THE SURVEYS ARE IN. THE MONEY IS IN THE SYSTEM;



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1 IT JUST NEEDS TO BE BETTER ARRANGED. AS ROBERT CUTTNER OF
2 HARVARD SAID MAYBE THE SOLUTION IS UNIVERSAL MEDICARE. WE
3 DON'T KNOW, BUT WE KNOW RIGHT NOW THE SYSTEM DOESN'T WORK AND
4 YOU'RE SEEING THESE HORRENDOUS CUTS. WE'RE TRYING TO SAVE
5 HARBOR, WE'RE TRYING TO SAVE MOUNTAIN VIEW IN ZEV'S DISTRICT,
6 THE HIGH DESERT IN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT, THE JEWEL
7 IN THE CROWN, RANCHO. ALL THESE THINGS CAN BE COVERED UNDER
8 THIS BILL. YOU WILL SEE UNIVERSAL COVERAGE FOR EVERYONE FROM
9 CRADLE TO GRAVE AND PRENATAL CARE. AS ROB REINER IS FIGHTING
10 ON THAT ISSUE, YOU KNOW THAT CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT IS
11 IMPORTANT, SO ARE WE FACING IN OUR NEXT NEGOTIATION AT LABORS
12 THE REMOVAL OF RETIREES FROM HEALTHCARE COVERAGE, THE GAP
13 BETWEEN WHEN THEY RETIRE AND MEDICARE, THE EMPLOYERS WHICH HAS
14 BEEN CONTRACTUALLY THERE FOR NEARLY 100 YEARS ARE GOING TO HIT
15 US AND THEY'RE GOING TO ASK US TO STRIKE AND WE HAVE TO GO TO
16 OUR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AND SEE IF THEY'RE WILLING TO GO OUT ON
17 STRIKE TO KEEP THEIR FATHERS COVERED, AND MOTHERS. OR PUT FOOD
18 ON THE TABLE FOR THEIR FAMILY. IT'S THE JUXTAPOSITION THAT IS
19 UNFAIR AND CRUEL TO ALL OF US WHEN A SOLUTION IS THERE. SO WE
20 APPLAUD YOU AND HOPE YOU'LL ALL SIGN ON TO THIS LETTER THAT
21 GOES UP TO SACRAMENTO WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. SHAPIRO?

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1 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** MY NAME IS LEONARD SHAPIRO. I HAVEN'T BEEN
2 HERE FOR A WHILE, BUT I HEARD THIS ITEM COMING UP AND I HAD TO
3 GIVE YOU ALL MY OPINION ON IT. I THINK S.B.-921 IS A LAW WHOSE
4 TIME HAS COME. THE TIME HAS ARRIVED. YOU HAD PEOPLE COMING IN
5 HERE TO CRITICIZE THE HEALTH SYSTEM FOR YOU AND YOU'VE HAD
6 THEM COMING IN HERE TIME AFTER TIME. YOU KNOW YOU HAVE A
7 HEALTH CRISIS THAT EXISTS IN THIS COUNTY. YOU KNOW YOU TRY TO
8 GET BOUGHT OUT, HELPED OUT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, STATE
9 GOVERNMENT, BUT IT CAN'T GO ON. THE SINGLE PAYER PLAN WHICH IS
10 PUT INTO EFFECT BY THIS S.B.-921 SIMPLY DOES AWAY WITH ALL THE
11 COSTS AND THE PROFITS THAT INSURANCE COMPANIES ARE MAKING AND
12 THAT H.M.O.'S ARE MAKING. IT DOES AWAY WITH THEM WITH ONE FELL
13 SWOOP. WE'LL HAVE THE SAME SYSTEM AS THEY HAVE IN CANADA AND
14 IN ENGLAND AND MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ALL OVER EUROPE, ALL
15 OVER THE WORLD, ALL OVER THE WORLD WHERE WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO
16 ARE INDUSTRIALIZED AND SUPPOSED TO BE TAKING CARE OF THEIR
17 PEOPLE. THAT'S A PRIME OBJECTIVE OF THIS BOARD, TO TAKE CARE
18 OF THE PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP, AND THERE IS A HEALTH CRISIS HERE
19 AND WE NEED HELP, AND YOU CAN'T DO IT BY YOUR WAY. THERE'S NOT
20 ENOUGH MONEY. YOU GET MONEY AND BUY FROM PETER TO PAY PAUL.
21 YOU CAN'T GET ENOUGH MONEY TO OPERATE THE SYSTEM. YOU CAN HOPE
22 YOU GET IT, BUT IN THE LONG RUN, YOU CAN'T GET IT, BUT THIS
23 921 GIVES YOU THE TOOLS. ALL OF A SUDDEN THEY'RE SAVING ALL
24 THE MONEY THAT'S BEEN GOING TO THESE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES
25 AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY THEM ANYMORE. WHERE ARE THEY GOING



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1 TO GO? SURE, THEY'RE GOING TO LOBBY YOU HARD. SURE, THEY'RE
2 GOING TO LET YOU KNOW THAT YOU GOTTA HAVE THE INSURANCE
3 COMPANIES, YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE THE H.M.O. THE HEALTH SYSTEM
4 CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT THEM, BUT IT CAN, AND ANYBODY WHO ISN'T
5 BLIND AND WHO UNDERSTANDS WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EUROPE AND IN
6 CANADA UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS SYSTEM CAN BE PUT INTO EFFECT
7 RIGHT HERE AND WITH THE HELP OF THIS BILL, I SAY IF YOU DO
8 WHAT IS SUGGESTED IN HERE AND THAT EVERYBODY SIGNS THIS BILL,
9 PUTS THAT IN HERE, YOU'RE GOING TO BE GETTING RID OF YOUR
10 HEALTH CRISIS AND YOUR HEALTH PROBLEM THAT'S GOING TO BE WITH
11 YOU THIS YEAR, AND NEXT YEAR, AND MANY YEARS TO COME, IT'LL
12 NEVER BE SOLVED UNLESS YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF INTERFERENCE LIKE
13 THIS 921 THAT'S GOING TO PROVIDE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVED BY MOLINA.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WANT TO THANK OUR SPEAKERS. THEY WERE TERRIFIC.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH I JUST, YOU KNOW, OBVIOUSLY IT'S -- YOU KNOW,
24 I HAVE MIXED EMOTIONS ABOUT THIS BILL, BUT I ONLY POINT TO
25 WORKERS' COMPENSATION IN THIS STATE AND, YOU KNOW, THIS KIND



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1 OF A SITUATION NEEDS TO BE I BELIEVE ON A NATIONAL MODEL. THIS
2 WOULD ONLY FURTHER, I BELIEVE, DRIVE BUSINESSES FROM OUR STATE
3 FROM A COMPETITIVE STANDPOINT. IF YOU LOOK AT THE RECENT MAJOR
4 EMPLOYERS THAT ARE LEAVING THE STATE FOR OTHER PORTIONS THEY
5 LIST TWO REASONS, ONE, WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND HEALTHCARE.
6 AND INSURANCE COSTS. AND SO, YOU KNOW, ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY
7 PORTIONS OF IT, IF IT WERE DONE IN THE RIGHT WAY, IT PROBABLY
8 WOULD HELP US IN SOME SHORT-TERM, LONG-TERM, IT COULD BE --
9 HAVE A DRAMATIC IMPACT ON THE JOBS IN THE STATE, SO I WOULD
10 HAVE TO CAST A "NO" VOTE ON THIS MOTION.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ASK MR. JANSSEN, WHAT
13 SPECIFIC TAXES WOULD BE INCREASED TO PAY FOR THIS.

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I CAN'T ANSWER THAT, SUPERVISOR. I DON'T KNOW.
16 AND YOU HAVE TWO BILLS THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE SO.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT ON THE SHEILA KUEHL BILL, IT WOULD INCREASE
19 IN PAYROLL TAXES AND THAT WOULD BE ACROSS THE BOARD, AND IT
20 WOULD INCLUDE TAXES ON ALCOHOL AND IT WOULD HAVE A SLIGHT
21 INCREASE IN SALES TAXES. IT'S A COMBINATION OF REVENUES THAT
22 COME IN. THE DIFFERENCE WOULD BE IS THAT EMPLOYERS WOULD NOT
23 HAVE TO PAY HEALTHCARE COSTS AT THAT POINT IN TIME.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S -- THERE'S NO PENALTY, THEN, IF AN
2 EMPLOYER CANNOT PAY FOR HEALTHCARE COVERAGE?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** THEY WOULDN'T HAVE ANY CHOICE, AS I UNDERSTAND.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S RIGHT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE BURTON BILL, RIGHT, THEY HAVE TO PAY.
9 AND THE QUESTION IS --

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** ON THE BURTON BILL, YEAH, THEY WOULD JUST HAVE --
12 IT WOULD BE MANDATED.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE PENALTY IF AN EMPLOYER CANNOT PAY
15 FOR HEALTHCARE COVERAGE AND HOW IS THAT BUSINESS PENALIZED?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** BOTH BILLS, YOU HAVE TO PAY. EMPLOYERS HAVE TO
18 MATCH ON THE KUEHL BILL, AS I UNDERSTAND.

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ON THE BURTON BILL, THE EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED
21 TO EITHER, IT'S EITHER PAY OR PLAY RIGHT, EITHER YOU PROVIDE
22 THE HEALTH INSURANCE OR YOU PAY AN EQUIVALENT AMOUNT TO THE
23 FUND, AND IF YOU CAN'T -- IF YOU DON'T DO EITHER ONE, I DON'T
24 KNOW WHAT THE PENALTY IS.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN THEY NO LONGER ARE ABLE TO --

2

3 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, IF THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO DO THAT,
4 PRESUMABLY THEY GO OUT OF BUSINESS OR THEY LEAVE CALIFORNIA.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEY'D GO TO NEVADA, OREGON, ARIZONA. WHAT
7 CRITERIA WILL THE MANAGED RISK MEDICAL BOARD USE IN
8 DETERMINING THE CO-PAYMENT AND DEDUCTIBLES?

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** TO BE DETERMINED.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE QUESTION IS, CO-PAYMENT FOR THE MOST PART IS
13 ZERO INITIALLY AND THEN THERE ARE SOME FORMULA THAT'S CREATED
14 IN THE PROCESS THAT WOULD TAKE IT, I THINK ALL OF IT. IF,
15 MADAM CHAIR, IF I COULD ADD AT THIS POINT, MAYBE MICHAEL HAS
16 OTHER QUESTIONS. THE ISSUE ON ANY OF THESE LEGISLATIVE
17 PROPOSALS IS THAT THERE HAS TO BE A DIALOGUE TO BEGIN. THE
18 DIALOGUE MUST BEGIN ON HOW THE STATE IS GOING TO COPE. YOU
19 KNOW, EMPLOYERS ARE LEAVING OUR STATE FOR A WHOLE SERIES OF
20 REASONS, BUT CERTAINLY THE COST OF HEALTHCARE IS NOT ESCAPING
21 THEM WHETHER THEY GO TO UTAH OR WHETHER THEY GO SOMEWHERE
22 ELSE, BUT WE KNOW THE BURDEN THAT TAXPAYERS ARE HAVING TO PAY
23 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, FOR THOSE EMPLOYERS THAT PROVIDE NO
24 HEALTHCARE COVERAGE. THE REST OF OUR SYSTEM IS SUFFERING
25 DRAMATICALLY BECAUSE OF THE UNINSURED. SO AGAIN, WE ARE TRYING



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1 TO FIND THE BEGINNINGS OF A DIALOGUE. I WOULD LOVE IF THIS
2 BILL WOULD PASS THE LEGISLATURE THIS YEAR. I DOUBT IT WILL. I
3 DOUBT IT WILL. IT IS A VERY, VERY BOLD, BOLD MOVE ON THE PART
4 OF SENATOR KUEHL, BUT I THINK IT'S VERY ESSENTIAL THAT L.A.
5 COUNTY, WHO IS SUFFERING SO DRAMATICALLY IN ITS HEALTHCARE
6 SYSTEM, AND NOT JUST IN PROVIDING FOR THE INDIGENT, IT'S GOING
7 TO COST US AN AWFUL LOT OF MONEY TO PAY FOR HEALTHCARE
8 COVERAGE TO OUR OWN EMPLOYEES. THE COST HAS ESCALATED
9 DRAMATICALLY, AND SO CONSEQUENTLY, WE NEED TO START LOOKING AT
10 STRATEGIES, WE NEED TO START LOOKING AT SOLUTIONS AND HOW ALL
11 EMPLOYERS ARE GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SYSTEM. WE NEED TO
12 MAKE CONCESSIONS, PROBABLY, TO SMALL EMPLOYERS, WE NEED TO DO
13 ALL KINDS OF THINGS TO BRING DOWN THE COST OF HEALTHCARE, BUT
14 EVEN MAJOR EMPLOYERS ARE SUFFERING DRAMATICALLY IN THE COST OF
15 HEALTHCARE. YOU'RE FINDING MAJOR CORPORATIONS TRYING TO FIND
16 WAYS TO BRING IN EMPLOYEES AT 35 HOURS, 32 HOURS SO THEY CAN
17 AVOID PAYING HEALTHCARE COVERAGE. SO THIS IS A CRISIS THAT'S
18 HITTING ANYONE -- EVERYONE, AND ALL OF US, AND SO
19 CONSEQUENTLY, THE REASON I'M ASKING THIS BOARD TO START TAKING
20 A POSITION ON THIS, WE NEED TO BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION. WE
21 NEED TO BE A PART OF THIS DIALOGUE. RIGHT NOW, THESE BILLS ARE
22 FAR FROM PERFECT AND EVERYBODY KNOWS IT, BUT I THINK WE NEED
23 TO BE A PART OF IT. THIS COUNTY NEEDS TO JOIN NOT ONLY WITH
24 SENATOR KUEHL, BUT ALSO WITH SENATOR BURTON AND IN LOOKING AT
25 THESE MEASURES, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY NEEDS TO BE A PART OF



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1 THAT COALITION, LABOR UNIONS NEED TO BE A PART OF THAT
2 COALITION, NONPROFITS, PUBLIC, PRIVATE HOSPITALS NEED TO BE A
3 PART OF THAT COALITION BECAUSE THE REALITY IS WE NEED TO
4 WRESTLE WITH THE ESCALATING HEALTHCARE COSTS, NOT ONLY TO
5 EMPLOYERS BUT TO EVERYONE. NONPROFITS ARE SUFFERING
6 DRAMATICALLY WITH THE COST OF ESCALATING HEALTHCARE COSTS. SO
7 WHAT I'M ASKING YOU TO DO IS TO TAKE THE PLUNGE, LET'S GET
8 INVOLVED IN THIS DISCUSSION. WE CAN'T SIT ON THE SIDELINES
9 QUIETLY PRETENDING AS THOUGH WE'RE NOT HAVING A PROBLEM. THIS
10 DOESN'T ENDORSE IT, BY ALL MEANS. I'VE GONE IN WITH A STRAIGHT
11 FACE, TALKED TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ABOUT THE SITUATION IN
12 OUR COUNTY AND I SAY ONE OF OUR PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED
13 TOMORROW, IF EVERY EMPLOYER JUST DECIDED TO PAY HEALTHCARE
14 COVERAGE FOR ALL OF ITS EMPLOYEES, WE WOULD NOT HAVE A PROBLEM
15 IN L.A. COUNTY. NO PROBLEM WHATSOEVER, 'CAUSE WE COULD MEET
16 THE NEEDS OF THOSE INDIGENTS THAT WOULD PROBABLY -- BUT THE
17 REALITY IS UNTIL EMPLOYERS START DOING SO, IT IS A MAJOR
18 PROBLEM. BUT WE CAN'T GET -- WE CAN'T BE PART OF THE SOLUTION
19 IF WE AREN'T WILLING TO ENGAGE IN THE DISCUSSION AND THE
20 DEBATE, AND THAT'S WHAT THIS BRINGS US TO. HER BILL WILL BE
21 HEARD TOMORROW AT 1:30. I WOULD LOVE NOTHING MORE THAN FOR
22 L.A. COUNTY TO STAND UP WITH HOPEFULLY THE HUNDREDS OF OTHER
23 SUPPORTERS AND SAY, "WE NEED TO START THE DIALOGUE ON A SINGLE
24 PAYER PLAN." IT WOULD BE IMPRESSIVE TO ME. AS TOUGH AS SHEILA
25 KUEHL CAN BE AND AS EFFECTIVE AS SHE CAN BE UP THERE, IT'S



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1 GOING TO BE TOUGH SLEDDING TO GET THIS BILL TO BE PASSED THE
2 FIRST TIME, BUT I CERTAINLY WOULD LIKE TO BE IN HER CORNER AND
3 FIGHTING WITH HER TO TRY AND BRING ABOUT THE EFFORTS TO BRING
4 ABOUT THIS KIND OF LEGISLATION.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. JANSSEN, ON SENATE BILL 921, WHY IS
7 PUBLIC HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS NOW GOING TO BE ELIMINATED FROM
8 UNIVERSAL HEALTH PLAN?

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE IDEA, SUPERVISOR, IS TO MOVE INDIGENT CARE
11 PROGRAMS, RETIREE HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS, EXISTING PROGRAMS,
12 FOLDED INTO THE SYSTEM SO YOU HAVE A BASE OF FUNDING. IF THE
13 COUNTY, FOR EXAMPLE, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IF THE COUNTY WERE
14 ABLE TO DEDICATE THE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT
15 WE'RE SPENDING NOW ON HEALTHCARE TO THIS PROGRAM, IT MIGHT
16 WELL SAVE US MONEY AS AN EMPLOYER. IT PROBABLY WOULD SAVE US
17 MONEY AS AN EMPLOYER, AND WE DO SPEND HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF
18 DOLLARS, NOT ONLY ON OUR OWN EMPLOYEES' HEALTHCARE, BUT ON
19 INDIGENT CARE AS WELL.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THIS SIMILAR TO THE PLAN IN OREGON THAT
22 WAS OVERWHELMINGLY REJECTED DURING THE LAST ELECTION?

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK THAT IT HAD --

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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** A LOT OF "NO'S," SHAKING OF HEADS.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE SAME FUNDING MECHANISM.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY HAVE A UNIVERSAL HEALTH PLAN I KNOW.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE SAME FUNDING
8 MECHANISM, IT WAS EMPLOYER FUNDED, MY RECOLLECTION.

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THEIRS IS EMPLOYER FUNDED.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THERE ARE NO LIMITS AS TO WHO IS ELIGIBLE
13 FOR HEALTHCARE WOULDN'T THIS ENCOURAGE PEOPLE FROM ALL AROUND
14 THE NATION TO COME TO CALIFORNIA FOR FREE HEALTHCARE?

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY COME NOW. ACTUALLY, PEOPLE ARE COMING
17 NOW TO GO TO RANCHO FROM ALL OVER THE NATION.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** I WAS GOING TO SAY THE CANADIANS COME ACROSS THE
20 BORDER TO GET OUR HEALTHCARE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS DON SAID, AND IT'S SO TRUE, I MEAN PEOPLE
23 FROM CANADA DO FLOOD THE NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY HOSPITALS
24 BECAUSE OF THE HIGHER QUALITY OF HEALTHCARE THAN THE CANADIANS
25 PROVIDE. PEOPLE FROM ENGLAND, WITH THE RESOURCES, COME TO THE



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1 UNITED STATES FOR THEIR SURGERIES BECAUSE OF A HIGHER CARE OF
2 HEALTHCARE AND THEY DON'T HAVE THE BUREAUCRACY OR THE LONG
3 LINES THAT THEY HAVE IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH THEY HAVE IN
4 CANADA OR ENGLAND. SO I MEAN.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND PEOPLE FROM THE UNITED STATES GO TO
7 CANADA SO THAT THEY CAN BUY THEIR PHARMACY AND THEIR DRUGS
8 BECAUSE WE PAY FIVE TIMES MORE THAN WHAT THEY PAY, AND SO
9 AMERICANS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY -- [MIXED VOICES].

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, SO THAT --

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OVER AND GETTING THEM BY INTERNET FROM
14 CANADA.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THAT THOSE TRIAL LAWYERS WILL HAVE
17 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO SPEND ON THEIR CAMPAIGNS, BUT THE
18 POINT IS, IF YOU WOULD HAVE A TORT REFORM, YOU COULD REDUCE
19 SOME OF THOSE COSTS IN PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOPEFULLY YOU'RE
20 GOING TO HAVE TORT REFORM THIS YEAR. THEY'RE MAKING PROGRESS
21 ON THAT BECAUSE THE CANADIAN LEGAL SYSTEM DOES NOT HAVE THE
22 SAME TORT LAW AS WE HAVE HERE, AND THAT'S ONE OF THE BIG
23 FACTORS WITH PRESCRIPTIONS, BUT I'M TALKING ABOUT MEDICAL
24 TREATMENT, NOT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THAT PEOPLE COME HERE FOR
25 THOSE TYPE OF SERVICES.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND EMPLOYERS ARE FLOCKING TO CANADA FOR A
3 NUMBER OF REASONS, BECAUSE THEY ALSO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN
4 TERMS OF YOUR EMPLOYMENT, WITH EMPLOYEES ON CERTAIN
5 INDUSTRIES. SO WE'RE FIGHTING TO TRY TO KEEP EMPLOYERS FROM
6 GOING TO CANADA AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE FACT THAT
7 EMPLOYERS MIGHT NOT COME HERE OR MIGHT LEAVE HERE BECAUSE WE
8 HAVE HEALTHCARE. IF YOU TALK TO ANY INDUSTRY THEY'RE FLYING
9 THERE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THAT'S THE ENTERTAINMENT, I MEAN THAT'S THE
12 MOVIE INDUSTRY.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH IT'S NOT JUST THE MOVIE INDUSTRY,
15 SOFTWARE, ALL OF THE HIGH TECH INDUSTRIES ARE GOING THERE
16 ALSO.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS WHAT DAN WINETHROP OF THE SACRAMENTO
19 B WROTE, HE SAYS THIS CREATES A SUBSIDY FOR THOSE WHO DON'T
20 TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES, A MINIMUM WAGE -- I'M JUST SAYING
21 THIS IS FROM THE PRESS, A VEGETARIAN WAGE, A VEGETARIAN WHO
22 EXERCISES DAILY AND NEITHER SMOKES OR DRINKS WOULD BE PAYING
23 TAXES TO FINANCE THE CARE OF A CHAIN SMOKING, HARD DRINKING,
24 BEEF EATING COUCH POTATO. THAT'S JUST A COMMENTARY THAT I --
25 AN EDITORIAL COLUMNIST FOR THE SACRAMENTO B HAD WRITTEN AS AN



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1 ANALOGY. BUT THE POINT IS THERE'S NO LIMITATION ON WHO IS
2 ELIGIBLE AND WOULD ENCOURAGE A DISRUPTION OF THE CURRENT
3 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE. WE DO HAVE A PROBLEM IN THE
4 HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEM, BUT IT CAN BE CREATED -- OR IT CAN
5 BE ENHANCED TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE THROUGH PUBLIC/PRIVATE
6 PARTNERSHIPS, NOT BY MAKING A POST OFFICE TYPE OF SYSTEM THAT
7 WILL ALLOW PEOPLE TO BE DEPENDENT UPON FOR THEIR HEALTH NEEDS.
8 I MEAN, THE POST OFFICE, HAVING THE GOVERNMENT TAKE OVER THE
9 COMPLETE CONTROL OF MEDICINE WOULD BE A REAL DISSERVICE TO THE
10 PEOPLE OF THIS STATE AND WOULD HELP CREATE A GREATER JOB
11 EXODUS THAN WE CURRENTLY HAVE, BUT THAT'S --

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO THAT'S PROBABLY THE REASON WHY WE'RE THE
14 ONLY INDUSTRIALIZED NATION IN THE WORLD, EXCEPT SOUTH AFRICA,
15 THAT DOESN'T HAVE UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE. [APPLAUSE]

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THAT'S EXACTLY THE POINT ONCE YOU GET A
18 NATIONAL ISSUE AND NOT A STATE ISSUE.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AT ANY RATE, WE WON'T --

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN I JUST CALL FOR A QUESTION?

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, CALL FOR THE QUESTION. WE'LL CUT
25 OUT THIS, THE LETTER. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WHEN YOU GO, JUST SAY



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1 THAT THE VOTE WAS THREE PEOPLE IN FAVOR, TWO PEOPLE OPPOSED.

2 IS THAT CORRECT? AND THAT --

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CALL THE ROLL AND WE'LL FIND OUT.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CALL THE ROLL. OKAY.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** A PROUD "YES".

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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3 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE MOTION CARRIES.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL WHEN I GO TOMORROW I WILL REPORT --

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAY I JUST -- I'D LIKE TO JUST ADD ONE
8 THING HERE, IS THAT WHEN I -- I DISCUSSED THIS WITH SENATOR
9 KUEHL, AND I RECOGNIZE FOR SOME PEOPLE THAT THIS IS VERY
10 DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO ENCOMPASS. I PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO
11 SEE SOME KIND OF A BASIC PLAN THAT EVERYONE CAN GET INTO AND
12 CAN REALIZE THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO THAT IF WE'RE GOING
13 TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO DO THAT. WE
14 DO IT IN LOS ANGELES. IT'S JUST THAT WE GET THE TAXPAYERS TO
15 PAY FOR IT. BUT IF WE COULD HAVE SOME MINIMAL COVERAGE THAT IS
16 GIVEN TO EVERYONE, AND THEN THOSE PEOPLE WHO WANT
17 EXTRAORDINARY COVERAGE AND THEY WANT TO HAVE THEIR PRIVATE
18 PHYSICIANS, LET THEM PAY ON TOP OF THAT, BUT HAVE SOME KIND OF
19 BASIC COVERAGE THAT EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN CALIFORNIA HAS AND
20 THEN I THINK IF WE COULD GET THAT TO START, THEN AS TIME GOES
21 ON, YOU CAN ADD PSYCHIATRIC, YOU COULD ADD DENTAL, YOU COULD
22 ADD ALL OF THESE ADDITIONAL KINDS OF BENEFITS LONG-TERM, BUT
23 TO ME, THE THING THAT WE NEED TO ESTABLISH IN CALIFORNIA IS A
24 CONCEPT, AS THEY HAVE IN OTHER STATES, THERE ARE OTHER STATES
25 THAT HAVE DONE THIS, AND WHERE THEY AT LEAST HAVE SOME BASIC



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1 HEALTHCARE THAT'S PROVIDED TO PEOPLE. I SUPPORT THIS BECAUSE I
2 BELIEVE IT'S A CONCEPT THAT PROVIDES FOR THE ULTIMATE IN WHAT
3 YOU WOULD POSSIBLY WANT IN A SYSTEM, AND LET'S HOPE THAT WE
4 GET SOME FIRST STEP. NEXT ITEM.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I HELD ITEM NUMBER 26, AND I'M GOING
7 TO REMOVE MY HOLD AND WILL SECOND SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** I BELIEVE THAT'S ALL I HELD, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH I HAVE A MOTION THAT FOLLOWS THE LINE ON
16 THE HEALTH ISSUE. ACCORDING TO THE U.S. IMMIGRATION AND
17 NATURALIZATION SERVICE, AN ESTIMATED 2.2 MILLION UNAUTHORIZED
18 IMMIGRANTS ARE RESIDING -- RESIDED IN CALIFORNIA IN 2000,
19 WHICH WAS AN INCREASE FROM THE 1.4 MILLION IN 1990. THIS IS A
20 32% OF THE ENTIRE ESTIMATED UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION
21 IN THE UNITED STATES, AND MANY RELYING PRIMARILY ON THE COUNTY
22 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. IN THE 1990/'91 REPORT PREPARED BEFORE THE
23 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE COST OF THOSE SERVICES WERE
24 APPROXIMATELY 143.4 MILLION DOLLARS. LAST YEAR, THOSE COSTS
25 WERE ESTIMATED TO BE 342 MILLION DOLLARS, A 238.5% INCREASE.



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1 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO REIMBURSE STATE
2 AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR COSTS RESULTING FROM FEDERAL
3 IMMIGRATION POLICIES, INCLUDING THE COST OF HEALTHCARE
4 SERVICES PROVIDED TO UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS. IN ORDER TO
5 ACCESS THIS ISSUE, A GUEST WORKER'S PROGRAM SHOULD BE
6 ESTABLISHED WHICH REQUIRES A BOND FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS ENTERING
7 THIS COUNTRY SEEKING EMPLOYMENT. THE BOND WOULD BE USED TO
8 OFFSET THE COST PROVIDING SERVICES THAT ARE CURRENTLY NOT
9 ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL AND STATE REIMBURSEMENT. I'D MOVE THAT
10 THE BOARD DIRECT OUR ADVOCATES IN WASHINGTON AND WE WORK WITH
11 THE UNITED STATES OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION TO DEVELOP A GUEST
12 WORKER PERMIT PROGRAM WHICH WOULD REQUIRE A BOND FOR
13 INDIVIDUALS THAT ENTER THIS COUNTRY.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NEXT WEEK.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE CAN DO IT NEXT WEEK OR THIS WEEK, IT
18 DOESN'T MATTER.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT WHICH
21 WOULD JUST REQUIRE THE BOND BE PAID BY THE EMPLOYERS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL IT DOESN'T -- A BOND I'M NOT LOCKED INTO
24 --

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** PAID BY THE EMPLOYERS WHO EMPLOY THEM.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT COULD BE PAID BY EITHER ONE, I MEAN THERE
4 MAY BE SOME PEOPLE WHO WANT TO PAY IT THEMSELVES, IF THE
5 EMPLOYER WANTS TO DO IT, I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT. THAT'S
6 NOT THE ISSUE, BUT THE CONCEPT OUGHT TO GO FORWARD.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I'LL BRING IT UP NEXT WEEK.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'LL BRING IN A WRITTEN MOTION, I'LL BRING IN A
13 WRITTEN MOTION ON IT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FINE.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF I CAN ENCOURAGE MR. KNABE TO SUPPORT IT.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE MAY 13TH AGENDA?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH. ON THE ISSUE OF -- ON THE NUMBER 23, I
22 WAS ABSTAINED I'D LIKE TO VOTE FOR IT. THE ONLY -- I SEE THE
23 ONLY CHANGES IN THE CURRENT LAW, IT REDUCES FROM THREE YEARS
24 TO TWO YEARS THE TIME THAT IF YOU SERVE IN THE MILITARY FOR
25 YOUR CITIZENSHIP.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. [MIXED VOICES]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM 23.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 23, WOULD SHOW THAT THERE WAS A --

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 5-0 VOTE. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE
9 ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF JUDGE ELIZABETH ZIEGLER, WHO WAS
10 ONE OF THE FIRST FEMALE PRESIDING JUDGES IN OUR MUNICIPAL
11 COURT WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86 ON APRIL 13TH. SHE HAD
12 BEEN APPOINTED TO THE COURT BACK IN 1949 BY GOVERNOR EARL
13 WARREN AND LATER BECAME THE COURT'S SECOND FEMALE PRESIDING
14 JUDGE IN 1959. ALSO IN MEMORY OF AUDREY KIRSHBAUM FROM BURBANK
15 WHO PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 24TH. SHE WAS QUITE ACTIVE AT THE
16 FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND ACTIVE WITH THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S
17 MISSIONARY LEAGUE AND THE BRAILLE -- WAS SERVING AS A BRAILLE
18 WORKER FOR 50 YEARS. ALSO WALTER LOVERICH, WHO WAS ACTIVE IN
19 THE CROATIAN COMMUNITY, THE SAINT ANTHONY'S FAMILY GUILD AND
20 CROATIAN CLUB. RUTH HALE WHO WAS THE FOUNDER OF THE GLENDALE
21 CENTER THEATRE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 94. SHE FOUNDED THE
22 THEATRE BACK IN 1964, WHICH HAS BEEN THE LONGEST CONTINUALLY-
23 OPERATED THEATRE IN THE ROUND, ENJOYING MORE THAN 120,000
24 PATRONS ANNUALLY. SHE AND HER FAMILY HAVE RUN THAT AFFAIR --
25 THOSE THEATRE'S AFFAIRS FOR MORE THAN 35 YEARS, INCLUDING THE



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1 SCRIPT WRITING, CASTING, SCENERY AND PERFORMING IN ITS
2 PRODUCTIONS. SHE HAD RETIRED PRIOR TO 1980 BUT HER FAMILY
3 CONTINUES TODAY AND IT'S ONE OF THE GREAT THEATERS WE HAVE IN
4 OUR COUNTY AND I ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO GO IN THE ROUND TO SEE
5 GREAT PRESENTATIONS. ALSO, ROBERT FRIENDCHICK, WHO WAS A
6 SENIOR SCIENTIST AND EXPERT ON N.A.S.A. SPACE PROJECTS, WORKED
7 WITH ALSO MCDONALD DOUGLAS, ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL, AND
8 BOEING. BETTY CASE, A LONG-TIME GLENDALE/LA CRESCENTA
9 RESIDENT, WORKED AS AN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY INVOLVED WITH
10 SEVERAL ANIMAL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS. MARIAN LYNCHBURGER, WHO
11 WAS A RESIDENT OF GLENDALE. MARIAN HEADED MANY BOARDS AND
12 COMMITTEES, INCLUDING BEING EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE N.A.C.C.C.,
13 BECOMING ITS FIRST MODERATOR IN 1984. DEE PERKINS OF THE SAN
14 GABRIEL VALLEY. SHE WAS THE OWNER OF PERKINS GMC TRUCK
15 DEALERSHIP, ONE OF THE FIRST FEMALE OWNERS OF A GENERAL MOTORS
16 DEALERSHIP IN THE NATION, AND ALSO WAS ACTIVE IN THE POMONA
17 VALLEY Y.M.C.A. AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. PAUL MCCOSTER,
18 ASSISTANT CLERK FOR L.A. COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. HE WAS ALSO A
19 DEPUTY WITH THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR FIVE
20 YEARS AND DIRECTOR OF THE COURT'S AND RECORDS CREDIT UNION,
21 AND STEVEN ALVAREZ, A 20-YEAR-OLD TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL
22 WRESTLING COACH WHO DIED APRIL 28TH. HE'S A COUSIN OF MY
23 INTERN.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT AS WELL, TOO, PLEASE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HE WAS A STUDENT AT EL CAMINO, AND WAS
3 PLANNING TO BE A FIREMAN FOR THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. THOSE
4 ARE MY... [MIXED VOICES].

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE WAS A CASE WHICH WE ALL READ ABOUT, AND
11 IF WE COULD JUST GET A REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT, AND THAT
12 WAS THE YOUNG TODDLER THAT WAS ALLEGEDLY KILLED BY HIS MOTHER
13 AND FATHER IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. THE FATHER HAD BEEN DRIVING
14 THE TODDLER IN HIS VEHICLE AND THE QUESTION WAS THIS CHILD WAS
15 PLACED BACK -- ALL THESE CHILDREN IN THE PARENTS' JURISDICTION
16 BACK IN JANUARY OR SO AND IT APPEARED THAT THERE ARE MORE
17 PROBLEMS WITH THAT PLACEMENT AND THE TYPE OF DEATH THAT THIS
18 CHILD WAS INVOLVED IN, BUT WE JUST HAVE A REPORT AND EXECUTIVE
19 SESSION ON THIS IN TWO WEEKS WHEN WE COME BACK. THEN ON ITEM
20 44, DR. SCHUNHOFF AND YOLANDA JIMENEZ IS HERE.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ONE PERSON HAS ASKED TO SPEAK ON THIS,
23 YVONNE MARIA JIMINEZ.

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1 **YVONNE JIMINEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I AM YVONNE MARIA
2 JIMINEZ, I'M THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL
3 SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE THE AUTHORS OF THE
4 LETTER THAT -- OF INTENT THAT'S BEFORE YOU TODAY REGARDING THE
5 PARTICIPATION OF THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BINATIONAL
6 BORDER HEALTH PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROJECT. UNDER THE
7 PROJECT, THEY WILL RECEIVE A GRANT FUNDED BY THE CALIFORNIA
8 ENDOWMENT TO PROVIDE HEALTH EDUCATION, AND IF I MAY BRIEFLY
9 GIVE YOU SOME HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE TO PUT THIS IN
10 PERSPECTIVE. IN 2002, THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT BEGAN TARGETING
11 HEALTHCARE SERVICES AND EDUCATION TO IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES
12 THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. LAST YEAR, THEY PROVIDED
13 JUST OVER \$800,000 TO PROVIDE HEALTH EDUCATION TO THE
14 ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN
15 DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR, THEY FUNDED A LITTLE OVER \$700,000 FOR
16 WHAT'S CALLED THE VENTENIER, THE SALUTE PROJECT. THIS PROJECT
17 WOULD TARGET HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICES TO FAMILIES,
18 INDIVIDUALS DOING BUSINESS AT THE LOS ANGELES MEXICAN
19 CONSULATE. THE FUNDS ARE PRIVATE FOUNDATION FUNDS AND THE GOAL
20 IS TO PROVIDE HEALTH EDUCATION AND ALSO TO PROVIDE OUTREACH TO
21 FAMILIES WHOSE CHILDREN QUALIFY FOR HEALTHCARE COVERAGE. WE
22 ESTIMATE THAT WE HAVE OVER 300,000 CHILDREN IN THE STATE OF
23 CALIFORNIA THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES WHO ARE NOT
24 YET ENROLLED. OVER 355,000 CHILDREN IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
25 ELIGIBLE FOR MEDI-CAL THAT ARE NOT YET ENROLLED. THIS OUTREACH



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1 PROGRAM WOULD TARGET THOSE KIDS TO ENROLL THEM IN THESE
2 PROJECTS. THIS IS, AS I INDICATED, A PROJECT THAT'S COMPLETELY
3 FUNDED WITH PRIVATE FOUNDATION MONEY. THE COUNTY OF LOS
4 ANGELES, L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BINATIONAL BORDER HEALTH
5 WOULD RECEIVE 131,848 DOLLARS. THAT WOULD FUND HEALTH
6 EDUCATORS, TWO OF THEM, TO PROVIDE HEALTH EDUCATION BASICALLY
7 INFORMATION ON NUTRITION, DISEASE PREVENTION, AND ALSO WOULD
8 PROVIDE REFERRALS. THIS PROGRAM WILL NOT PROVIDE BENEFITS TO
9 ANYONE WHO IS NOT OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE HEALTH OR
10 COUNTY HEALTH PROGRAMS. AND THAT'S IT IN A NUTSHELL.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH THE QUESTION IS WHY ARE OTHER FOREIGN
15 GOVERNMENTS NOT BEING INCLUDED IN THIS?

16
17 **YVONNE JIMINEZ:** ACTUALLY, THEY ARE. WE HAVE -- THIS IS A PILOT
18 PROJECT, TWO-YEAR PILOT PROJECT THAT'S UNDER STUDY. IF
19 SUCCESSFUL, IT WILL BE EXPANDED TO OTHER CONSULATES.
20 CURRENTLY, AND I'LL LET THE COUNTY TESTIFY ON THIS, THERE IS
21 AN OUTREACH PROGRAM TO NINE OTHER CONSULATES IN LOS ANGELES.
22 JUST WITH REGARD TO THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT, THE CONCEPT IS
23 TO EXPAND THIS TO OTHER CONSULATES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY. THE REASON LOS ANGELES TARGETED THE MEXICAN CONSULATE
25 IS BECAUSE THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF IMMIGRANTS ACCESSING



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1 CONSULAR SERVICES IS AT THE L.A. MEXICAN CONSULATE OVER 1,500
2 PEOPLE A DAY, AND IF I MAY ADD, OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THOSE
3 ARE U.S. CITIZENS AND LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENTS WHO ARE
4 ACCESSING SERVICES AT THAT FACILITY.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS WE DON'T HAVE
7 FUNDS TO PROVIDE HEALTH SERVICES NOW, AND NOW JOINING IN AN
8 OUTREACH TO BRING IN MORE PEOPLE INTO A BROKEN SYSTEM.

9

10 **YVONNE JIMINEZ:** ACTUALLY SUPERVISOR, THAT OUTREACH PROGRAM IS
11 TARGETED TO FAMILIES WITH KIDS WHOSE KIDS QUALIFY FOR HEALTHY
12 FAMILIES AND MEDI-CAL. ALSO, AS I INDICATED, THE COUNTY
13 COMPONENT WOULD DO HEALTH EDUCATION UNDER THESE PREVENTION,
14 NUTRITION, TWO FAMILIES, WHICH I THINK IS A BENEFIT TO ALL
15 SOCIETY, AND THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT --
16 DOES NOT ENCOURAGE OR WILL NOT PROVIDE SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS
17 WHO ARE NOT OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES UNDER CALIFORNIA
18 HEALTH PLANS OR L.A. COUNTY HEALTH PROGRAMS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE POINT IS, YOU'RE NOT PROVIDING THE FUNDS
21 FOR THOSE SERVICES, ARE YOU?

22

23 **YVONNE JIMINEZ:** WE'RE PROVIDING THE -- THE CALIFORNIA
24 ENDOWMENT IS PROVIDING THE FUNDS TO OUTREACH INDIVIDUALS WHO
25 ARE ALREADY ELIGIBLE, WHO ARE --



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU'RE NOT -- YEAH YOU'RE NOT PROVIDING
3 THE FUNDS TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS YOU
4 OUTREACH TO.

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6 **YVONNE JIMINEZ:** THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE
7 THOSE FUNDS UNDER THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT, AND AS I INDICATED,
8 OVER 700,000 OF THE INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES UNDER
9 THIS PROJECT, HEALTH EDUCATION ARE CHILDREN WHO ARE ELIGIBLE
10 FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES AND MEDI-CAL, WHICH IF ENROLLED, WOULD BE
11 A BENEFIT TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WOULD BE A BENEFIT IF THE ENDOWMENT WOULD
14 BE PROVIDING THE FUNDS FOR THE SERVICES INSTEAD OF PROVIDING
15 FUNDS FOR CHEERLEADERS TO BRING PEOPLE BACK ON TO A SYSTEM IF
16 WE DON'T HAVE THE FUNDS TO PAY FOR THOSE CURRENTLY.

17

18 **YVONNE JIMINEZ:** ACTUALLY THE CONCEPT OF THIS PROJECT IS TO
19 PROVIDE FOR HEALTHCARE PROTECTION FOR ALL OF SOCIETY. THIS
20 PROGRAM DOES PROVIDE EDUCATION ON TUBERCULOSIS, VACCINATIONS,
21 EDUCATION ON NUTRITION AND OTHER TOPICS THAT I THINK ARE
22 ESSENTIAL, WE ALL FEEL -- THE HEALTH EDUCATION COMMUNITY FEELS
23 IT'S ESSENTIAL FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HEALTHCARE OF THE
24 GENERAL PUBLIC.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF YOU'RE GIVING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT
2 OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR -- IT WOULD THEN HELP -- ENABLE THEM TO
3 HAVE MORE PHYSICIANS ON STAFF TO PROVIDE SERVICES. THAT'S
4 WHERE THEY NEED MONEY TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES.

5

6 **YVONNE JIMINEZ:** IN THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT, SUPERVISOR, THE
7 CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT IS PROVIDING JUST UNDER \$132,000 TO THE
8 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE EDUCATION AND
9 THAT'S ALL THAT THE COUNTY WILL PROVIDE. IT'S ACTUALLY -- IT'S
10 FUNDS -- IT'S NOT TAXPAYER FUNDS, IT IS A GIFT TO THE COUNTY,
11 BASICALLY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE COST TO THE COUNTY, JOHN?

14

15 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** EXCUSE ME, THIS GRANT PROVIDES \$132,000, WHICH
16 WOULD FUND A HEALTH EDUCATOR AND A HALF OR A HEALTH EDUCATION
17 ASSISTANT AND A HALF OVER THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT. THE
18 MAJORITY OF THE -- MORE THAN 50% OF THE SCOPE OF WORK IS
19 EDUCATION, PREVENTION, NOT THE OUTREACH AND ENROLMENT PIECE OF
20 IT, THAT'S ALSO PART OF IT, BUT THE EMPHASIS HERE IS UPON
21 PREVENTION MESSAGES THAT ARE PROVIDED IN THE WAITING ROOM OF
22 THE CONSULATE.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NO FURTHER QUESTIONS. IS THERE A
25 MOTION? MOVED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES, NO.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ONE OBJECTION.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL, MADAM CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE TWO ITEMS THAT I'VE TALKED TO THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AS WELL AS COUNTY COUNSEL, 93
12 AND 94 WHICH ARE CLAIM BOARD ITEMS, THEY CAN BE CONTINUED FOR
13 TWO WEEKS.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION. 93 AND 94?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S CORRECT.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WILL BE CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT, AND I THINK THOSE ARE ALL THE ITEMS I HAD.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, YOU HAD NO ADJOURNMENTS?

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I HAVE NO ADJOURNMENTS NO.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
3 TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARIA TORRES ALVARADO WHO PASSED
4 AWAY ON APRIL 21ST. SHE WAS THE BELOVED MOTHER OF VICTOR
5 MANUEL CONSTANT AND HUSBAND OF MY DEPUTY ANN LENNOX MARIA
6 CERVIS. WITH THAT, SO ORDERED. DID WE DO 38 THAT WAS BEING
7 HELD FOR MICHAEL HUNT? THERE IS SOME OTHER -- ALL RIGHT.
8 MECHELE GORDY WAS HOLDING -- ASKED TO SPEAK ON THIS, AND
9 MICHAEL HUNT, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? WELL, IF THEY'RE
10 NOT -- ARE THEY COMING FORWARD? ALL RIGHT. WOULD YOU COME
11 FORWARD, PLEASE? OH, I THOUGHT JULIO GIRON ALREADY SPOKE ON
12 HIS 14. MICHAEL HUNT HAS LEFT. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL HEAR FROM YOU.
13 WE DID NOT CALL 14, OH IS SOMEONE HAVING 14? OH I THOUGHT HE
14 SPOKE ON IT. ON ANOTHER ITEM, OKAY, ALL RIGHT, I'M SORRY, YES,
15 MISS GORDY?

16

17 **MECHELE GORDY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'VE BEEN SO STRESSED OVER THE
18 PAST 13 YEARS, BUT EVEN MORE SO JUST RECENTLY BECAUSE OF WHAT
19 I CAME AND TOLD YOU ABOUT LAST WEEK. IN FACT, RECENTLY, I'VE
20 BEEN TOLD JUST TO FORGET ABOUT THE 13 YEARS, FORGET ABOUT THE
21 NINE YEARS MY SON'S BEEN ON DRUGS AND JUST FOCUS ON THE CRIME
22 THAT HE JUST COMMITTED. I THINK THAT IS TOTALLY AND UTTERLY
23 RIDICULOUS FOR A PARENT TO BE ASKED THAT, AND HERE TODAY, I AM
24 LOOKING AT THE TWO PROGRAMS THAT CAUSE MY CHILDREN THE MOST
25 DAMAGE, THAT I'M DEALING WITH EVERY DAY WITH MY 12-YEAR-OLD



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1 AND MY 5-YEAR-OLD AND MY 18-YEAR-OLD BEING INCARCERATED FROM
2 BEING DRUG ADDICTED. ANOTHER PROGRAM THAT YOU GUYS ARE WILLING
3 TO PUT MONEY INTO AND NOW THE TWO ENTITIES THAT CAUSED MY KIDS
4 SUCH PAIN AND TORMENT AND ME SUCH PAIN AND TORMENT --

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU PASS THIS OUT.

7

8 **MECHELE GORDY:** HELLO?

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES I'M JUST --

11

12 **MECHELE GORDY:** I MEAN EVERYBODY IS LOOKING ELSEWHERE AND NOT
13 PAYING ANY ATTENTION TO THIS, YOU KNOW, AND I THINK THIS IS
14 IMPORTANT ENOUGH BECAUSE WE MAY END UP IN A COURT OF LAW
15 BEHIND THIS. BUT I WANT YOU GUYS TO LISTEN BECAUSE THESE
16 PROGRAMS ARE NOT SERVING THE KIDS THAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE
17 SERVING. IN YOUR CONSTITUENCY AREA, MS. BURKE, I KNOW NOTHING
18 OF THE RESEARCH TREATMENT INSTITUTE INCORPORATED. IN FACT, MS.
19 BURKE, THERE DOES NOT EXIST ONE DRUG TREATMENT FACILITY IN
20 YOUR DISTRICT. A DISTRICT WITH THE HIGHEST DRUG AND GANG
21 PROBLEM, AGAIN, HERE IN THIS COUNTY, IS APPROVING SOMEONE ELSE
22 NOT TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO OUR AREA. I WAS TOLD THAT EVEN IF A
23 COURT DID ORDER DRUG TREATMENT FOR MY SON, THERE WAS NO DRUG
24 TREATMENT FACILITY FOR JUVENILES OR THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE
25 COMPREHENSIVE DRUG TREATMENT FACILITIES WITH THE EMPHASIS ON



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1 DRUG REHAB, HIGH SCHOOL, G.E.D., AND VIABLE JOB TRAINING AS
2 WELL AS RECREATION, CONSIDERING THERE ARE STILL YOUNG PEOPLE,
3 BUT ALSO THERE SHOULD BE A FOCUS ON THE PERSON HAVING A
4 CRIMINAL -- 'CAUSE A LOT OF THESE CHILDREN THAT HAVE HAD DRUG
5 PROBLEMS HAVE GOTTEN JUVENILE CRIMINAL RECORDS, YOUNG ADULTS
6 FROM 18 TO 23, 24, 25, THEY'VE GOTTEN CRIMINAL RECORDS AND
7 THEY CANNOT GET A JOB, SO THEY'RE LEFT ON THE LOWER BOTTOM-
8 FEEDING AREA. THAT IS NOT FAIR, BECAUSE THESE PROGRAMS HAVE
9 TAKEN FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY FUNDS, AS I'M LOOKING AT YOUR
10 BUDGETS, AND SEEING WHERE MONEYS HAVE BEEN MISAPPROPRIATED. I
11 KNOW IN MY CASE, IT'S BEEN MISAPPROPRIATED FOR 13 YEARS. THESE
12 CHILDREN OF MINE DID NOT RECEIVE SERVICES. THAT'S WHY THE
13 COURT DISMISSED AS WELL AS THE STATEMENT THAT WAS MADE IN MY
14 HOME, "WELL, YOU KNOW, MRS. TAYLOR, YOU'RE A SMART BLACK
15 WOMAN. THAT'S WHY YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN YOUR KIDS BACK BECAUSE,
16 YOU KNOW, THEY DON'T LIKE SMART BLACK FOLK." I HANDED THAT TO
17 THE COURT. THEY DISMISSED. ALL RIGHT? I'M LOOKING AT THESE
18 PROGRAMS ARE NOT WORKING, AND IF THEY ARE, WHERE ARE THEY FOR
19 MY COMMUNITY? I'M IN HERE TALKING ON BEHALF OF MY OWN
20 COMMUNITY, YOUR CONSTITUENTS, YOUR DISTRICT, MS. BURKE. WE
21 DON'T HAVE ANY. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT APPROVING ANOTHER RESEARCH
22 INSTITUTE, TREATMENT INSTITUTE IN ANY OTHER AREA. WHAT ABOUT
23 OUR AREA. WHAT ABOUT OUR KIDS. WE PAY TAXES, TOO. I KNOW I DO.
24 I KNOW MY NEIGHBORS DO, AND I KNOW ALL UP AND DOWN MY STREET,
25 THERE'S A DRUG PROBLEM, THERE'S A GANG PROBLEM, AND THERE IS



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1 NO RESOLVE FOR IT, AND JUST THE OTHER DAY, WHEN WE SPOKE -- I
2 SEE THE TIME EXPIRED. YOU DIDN'T PUT A TIME EXPIRED ON NONE OF
3 THESE WHITE PEOPLE THAT GOT UP AND SPOKE AND I FEEL LIKE IT IS
4 DISCRIMINATORY AND DISRESPECTFUL TO ME AND MY FAMILY WHO HAVE
5 BEEN INJURED IN THIS COUNTY. SO PLEASE DON'T DO THAT, 'CAUSE
6 YOU DIDN'T DISRESPECT ANYBODY ELSE.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL YOU JUST DIDN'T WATCH.

9

10 **MECHELE GORDY:** I BEG YOUR PARDON?

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU WERE NOT WATCHING, WE -- THAT LIGHT'S
13 BEEN GOING ON ALL DAY.

14

15 **MECHELE GORDY:** NO I'VE BEEN WATCHING, I'VE BEEN SITTING THERE
16 ALL DAY. SINCE EARLY MORNING I HAVE BEEN SITTING THERE AND
17 I'VE BEEN WATCHING AND I KNOW THAT TIME EXPIRED LIGHT DID NOT
18 COME ON ON THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS, AND THIS IS NOT THE FIRST
19 TIME THAT THAT'S HAPPENED. THE LAST TIME I WAS UP THERE, I WAS
20 ONLY UP HERE FOR ONE AND A HALF MINUTES. I'VE GOT THE TAPE.
21 BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS, THIS COUNTY WILL --

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LET ME JUST CLARIFY SOMETHING.

24

25 **MECHELE GORDY:** MMM-HMM?



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** EVERY PERSON IS ALLOWED ONE MINUTE UNLESS
3 SOMEONE ELSE GIVES THEM THE TIME IN ADDITION TO THAT ONE
4 MINUTE, AND IF YOU WILL NOTE, REMEMBER, SPECIFICALLY THE MAN
5 WHO HAD ALL OF THE SIGNS UP HERE, THAT LIGHT WENT ON FOR HIM
6 AND HE -- SOMEONE ELSE HAD GIVEN HIM SOME TIME, SO I DON'T
7 KNOW WHETHER YOU WERE PERHAPS OUT OF THE ROOM OR SOMETHING
8 ELSE --

9

10 **MECHELE GORDY:** NO I WAS IN THE ROOM.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL THERE WERE OTHER PEOPLE, AND IF YOU
13 CAN -- I ASSURE YOU THAT THE LIGHT HAS NOT JUST WAITED FOR
14 YOU.

15

16 **MECHELE GORDY:** YEAH I'VE BEEN HERE NUMEROUS TIMES, THIS IS NOT
17 MY FIRST TIME AS YOU WELL KNOW MS. BURKE, OVER THE PAST 13
18 YEARS, I'VE BEEN IN THIS SEAT QUITE A FEW TIMES, MAYBE 20, 30
19 TIMES. OKAY? I HAVEN'T LOOKED, BUT I WILL GO AND LOOK AND SEE
20 HOW MANY TIMES I HAVE BEEN BEFORE THE BOARD AND SPOKE AND I
21 HAVE NOTICED HOW OFTEN THAT LIGHT GOES ON WHEN PERSONS ARE
22 SPEAKING AND SAYING SOMETHING THAT THIS BOARD DOES NOT WANT TO
23 HEAR, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO LIABILITIES, AND ESPECIALLY
24 WHEN IT COMES TO CHILDREN'S ISSUES. CHILDREN DON'T HAVE
25 ANYBODY TO COME AND SPEAK BEFORE THIS BOARD. I HAVE NOT SEEN



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1 NOT ONE CHILD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
2 SERVICES COME AND SPEAK AGAINST WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING TO
3 THEM IN FOSTER CARE, BUT I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE HERE YOU ARE
4 APPROVING ANOTHER PROGRAM. I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT, YOU KNOW, I
5 DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THIS COUNTY KEEPS PUTTING MONEY INTO
6 PROGRAMS THAT ARE NOT WORKING. MS. MOLINA HERSELF SAID SHE'D
7 LIKE TO SEE WHAT THESE PROGRAMS ARE DOING BECAUSE CERTAINLY
8 YOU CAN'T TELL IT BY ME AND MY FAMILY. THEN THIS IS THE
9 PROBLEM I'M TALKING ABOUT RIGHT HERE TODAY. THERE'S THE
10 BUDGET, I'M LOOKING AT BIG BUDGETS AND NO PROGRESS IN THIS
11 SYSTEM. I WANT TO SEE SOME PROGRESS. I WANT TO SEE A PROGRAM,
12 ESPECIALLY IN MY COMMUNITY THAT WORKS FOR MY PEOPLE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT STREET YOU LIVE
15 ON, BUT IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, THERE ARE MANY DRUG
16 REHABILITATION AND DRUG PROGRAMS, AND IF YOU'D LIKE TO GET A
17 LIST OF THEM, WE CAN GET SOMEONE WHO WILL GET THEM FOR YOU.

18

19 **MECHELE GORDY:** MS. BURKE, I WAS HERE LAST WEEK. I WAS GIVEN A
20 LIST OF 17 DIFFERENT FACILITIES. NONE OF THEM ARE TREATMENT
21 FACILITIES. THERE IS NOT ONE. I JUST GOT FINISHED TALKING TO
22 MR. SHUMSKY TODAY, WHO TOLD ME THAT YOU DON'T HAVE JUVENILE
23 TREATMENT FACILITIES.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S PROBATION. SHE'S TALKING ABOUT
2 RESIDENTIAL?

3

4 **MECHELE GORDY:** YES. THERE IS NOT ONE. THERE'S NOT ONE. AND
5 THAT IS THE HIGHEST CONCENTRATION OF DRUG ADDICTION IN YOUR
6 CONSTITUENCY, IN YOUR DISTRICT. YOUR JUVENILE CONSTITUENTS ARE
7 CRIMINAL JUVENILE DELINQUENT DRUG ADDICTS AND THERE IS NO
8 PROGRAM FOR THEM.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE FACILITY IN INGLEWOOD TAKES JUVENILES,
11 I WILL GET -- I'LL FIND ONE FOR YOU. OKAY. THERE'S A FACILITY
12 IN INGLEWOOD ACROSS -- OKAY, THE FACILITY ACROSS THE STREET
13 FROM CENTINELA HOSPITAL, I'VE BEEN THERE, AND THEY TAKE ADULTS
14 AND -- WELL, YOUR SON'S OVER 18. RIGHT?

15

16 **MECHELE GORDY:** HE JUST TURNED 18.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH HE'S ELIGIBLE FOR THE ONE IN
19 INGLEWOOD.

20

21 **MECHELE GORDY:** OKAY. DO THEY HAVE AN EMPHASIS ON EDUCATION
22 THERE? DO THEY HAVE -- IT'S IMPORTANT MS. BURKE.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. LET ME JUST SAY THIS. THE PEOPLE THAT
25 I MET WITH THERE HAD HAD TREMENDOUS -- I DON'T KNOW WHETHER



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1 THEY WOULD HAVE A COLLEGE PROGRAM, BUT I'LL SAY TO YOU THAT
2 THEY HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES, AND IT'S THE ONE THAT'S
3 RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET FROM CENTINELA HOSPITAL.

4

5 **MECHELE GORDY:** OKAY. THERE WAS ONE OTHER ISSUE I WANTED TO SAY
6 SOMETHING ABOUT, AND I TOLD YOU THAT I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT MY
7 SON IN CUSTODY AT THE C.J., AND BECAUSE OF THE M.R.S.A., YOU
8 ASSURED ME HE WOULD NOT BE IN ANY HARM'S WAY. WELL, HE'S IN
9 POPULATION RIGHT IN THE MIDST OF THE M.R.S.A. I HAVE THE TAPE
10 FROM LAST WEEK, AND I AM JUST LIKE, I WENT HOME AND I CRIED. I
11 HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO SLEEP DAILY BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN SO
12 WORRIED ABOUT MY CHILD WHO HAS BECOME -- HE'S BEEN A CONSTANT
13 VICTIM OF THIS SYSTEM.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **MECHELE GORDY:** AND I HAVE NOT YET GOT "I'M SORRY, MISS GORDY,
18 ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOUR CHILDREN," FROM NOT ONE OF YOU
19 PEOPLE, NOT ONE.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I'M SORRY WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR
22 CHILDREN.

23

24 **MECHELE GORDY:** THANK YOU, MS. BURKE.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I HAVE AN ITEM THAT I'D LIKE TO
2 INTRODUCE ON WE JUST, I THINK IT'S BEEN PASSED OUT AND IT'S A
3 REQUEST -- OH, I'M SORRY. WE DIDN'T VOTE ON THIS ITEM. DO WE
4 HAVE A MOTION? MOVED AND SECOND. I STARTED THINKING IT WAS
5 PUBLIC COMMENT. MOVED AND SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT'S
6 APPROVED. WE ALSO HAVE ITEM 14. LET ME CALL YOU UP, JULIO
7 GIRON, YOU HAVE ITEM 14 WE DIDN'T CALL UP.

8

9 **JULIO GIRON:** I'M JUST GOING TO STAND UP BECAUSE I'M TIRED OF
10 BEING SITTING IN THERE FOR ALMOST SEVEN HOURS. I HAVEN'T
11 SLEEPED, I WORK A GRAVEYARD AND A PART-TIME. LET US SAY THIS.
12 WE ARE DISAPPOINTED WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MR. KNABE
13 MANY TIMES THAT WE DIDN'T GO THROUGH SO MANY THINGS,
14 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
15 DEPARTMENT AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU ARE AWARE OF THIS
16 SITUATION, OUR SUPERVISOR, GLORIA MOLINA, TOO, I MEAN KEEP
17 BABY-SITTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND
18 WE WILL REALLY ASK MADAM CHAIRMAN IF YOU COULD CONSIDER TO
19 HAVE ALL THE PRESENTATIONS TODAY. WE HAVE 19 PRESENTATIONS.
20 SHOULD IT BE COMMON SENSE TO MAKE ONE-DAY MEETING ONLY FOR
21 PRESENTATIONS? I'VE BEEN HERE ALMOST EIGHT HOURS WITHOUT PAY.
22 OKAY? LET'S SAY SIX. AND WE HAVE THE PRESENTATION WITH LOS
23 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT COMING HERE ON PAYROLL.
24 THEY WERE ONE OF THE FIRST ONES TO COME HERE ON PRESENTATION,
25 AND NOW WE HAVE THIS ITEM THAT ENTITLES ON MORE ANTI-TERRORISM



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1 OR TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS AND ASKING FOR ANOTHER GRANT AND
2 APPOINTING ANOTHER PERSON FROM THE CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES
3 ASSOCIATION. I THINK THIS IS TIME TO TERMINATE THIS AND WE
4 KNOW THAT THE FUNDS FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DON'T COME
5 FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND FROM ALL THOSE KIND OF
6 SITUATIONS, BUT NO WONDER WHY WE DON'T HAVE ANY MORE AGENT
7 HEALTH CLINIC IN THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS, AND IF I GET SICK
8 RIGHT NOW, I CANNOT GO AND SEE THE DOCTOR BECAUSE WE DON'T
9 HAVE ANY MORE CLINIC, PUBLIC CLINIC IN BELL GARDENS. THEY WANT
10 TO CLOSE RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NOW. I MEAN, ISN'T IT TIME TO STOP
11 BABY-SITTING THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF COUNTY, THE SHERIFF
12 COUNTY DEPARTMENT? HOW MANY LAYERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT WE HAVE
13 IN THE COUNTY? THEY ARE THE ONES THAT THEY HAVE TO BE HERE
14 FIRST WITH THIS BUDGET PROPOSAL, LIKE THE COUNTY POLICE
15 OFFICERS, IT'S WHO KNOWS, I'M IGNORANT ON THAT, HOW MANY
16 LAYERS OF SECURITY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND WE HAVE IN THE
17 COUNTY. UNFORTUNATELY, THE PUBLIC ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM OUR
18 CITY ARE NOW HERE, THE MAYOR OF OUR CITY AND THE COUNCIL
19 MEMBERS. THIS IS A SHAME MR. ANTONOVICH THAT YOU -- YOU SEE,
20 IT USED TO BE THAT IN THE AGENDA, IT USED TO BE THE NUMBERS OF
21 WHAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF AND MR. LEE BACA, CHIEF
22 LEE BACA REQUESTS. NOW THEY IS PUTTING, THIS KIND OF THING
23 REVISED TO REAL, ISN'T IT TIME MS. BURKE, MADAM CHAIRMAN NOT
24 TO AUTHORIZE, NOT TO APPROVE AND WE HOPE THAT YOU BOTH KNOW IN
25 THIS THIS ITEM AND THE ITEMS TO COME TO STOP BABY-SITTING THE



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1 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, BEGINNING WITH LEE
2 BACA DOWN TO THE JANITORS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BECAUSE
3 THIS IS WRONG. THAT IS THE REASON WHY WE HAVE THAT ARE GOING
4 TO HAVE ANY MORE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN BELL GARDENS AND ALL THE
5 VICINITIES IN OUR REGION AND THE GATEWAY CITIES. WE ARE 28
6 CITIES IN THE SOUTHEAST COUNTY AND YOU KEEP, MR. ANTONOVICH
7 AND MR. KNABE, KEEP BABY-SITTING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND
8 STOP IT, PLEASE, VOTE NO IN THIS AND THE NEXT ITEMS AS FAR AS
9 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ASKING FOR MORE MONEY. THEY ARE NOT
10 F.E.M.A.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE A MOTION?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO MOVED.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED. IS THERE OBJECTION?

17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I HAVE A MOTION ON THE

18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THERE WAS A SITUATION IN SAN DIMAS WHERE

19 AN INMATE WORKER ESCAPED FROM THE STATION BUT WAS RECAPTURED

20 AND TAKEN BACK INTO CUSTODY WITHOUT INCIDENT, BUT IT WAS

21 DETERMINED THAT HE USED A VOLUNTEER ON PATROL VEHICLE TO

22 FACILITATE HIS ESCAPE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR A REPORT IN

23 30 DAYS FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE

24 INVESTIGATION OF THIS INCIDENT, INCLUDING ANY CORRECTIVE AND

25 DISCIPLINARY ACTION TO INCLUDE MEASURES TO IMPROVE OR ENHANCE



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1 EXISTING PROTOCOLS TO ENSURE THAT ONLY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL
2 HAVE ACCESS TO COUNTY VEHICLES. I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR A REPORT
3 BACK IN 30 DAYS. IS THERE A SECOND TO THAT?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I ALSO HAVE, IF WE COULD HAVE A MOTION FOR
10 THE NEXT MEETING TO DECLARE BOB HOPE CITIZEN OF THE CENTURY,
11 MAY 29TH IS HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY AND THIS WOULD BE FOR THE MAY
12 27TH BOARD MEETING AND WE HOPE TO HAVE A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY
13 HERE SO. YEAH.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYTHING FURTHER? PUBLIC COMMENT.
16 HAROLD B. RAY, EMMA HARTER, AND MARGE WEEMS. WOULD YOU PLEASE
17 COME FORWARD? MR. SHAPIRO, MARGE WEEMS, EMMA HARDER AND HAROLD
18 B. RAY, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

19

20 **MARGE WEEMS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARGE WEEMS, AND I WAS
21 HOPING GLORIA MOLINA COULD BE HERE TO -- HAS SHE LEFT FOR THE
22 DAY?

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO. SHE'S RIGHT HERE.

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1 **MARGE WEEMS:** PARDON? HAROLD RAY AND EMMA HARTER HAD TO LEAVE.
2 EMMA HARTER IS 72 YEARS OLD AND I'D LIKE TO RELATE HER STORY
3 BRIEFLY BECAUSE IT IS PART OF MINE. I WOULD LIKE TO TELL
4 MICHAEL ANTONOVICH THAT I HAVE DONE EVERYTHING I CAN TO HELP
5 THE REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I FILED SEVEN
6 WHISTLE BLOWERS, I TURNED IN 160 HUMANE SOCIETIES THAT WERE
7 DEFRAUDING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
8 MOTOR VEHICLES BY RUNNING EXEMPT PLATES. THEY ARE NOW PAYING
9 FOR THEIR PLATES. I'M ALSO A FEDERAL WHISTLE BLOWER, I'M A
10 VICTIM IN A RICO. AND OH MR. PELLMAN IS NOT HERE. I FILED A
11 RICO CASE AGAINST THE COUNTY IN 1999. ANIMAL CONTROL HAS BEEN,
12 AND BUILDING AND SAFETY HAVE BEEN TRESPASSING ON 13 ACRES ON A
13 ONE-MILE-LONG PRIVATE ROAD SINCE 1990. AT ONE POINT, A
14 S.W.A.T. TEAM OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS CAME UP WITH AN ANIMAL
15 CONTROL OFFICER AND HELD MY HUSBAND AT GUNPOINT FOR 2 AND A
16 HALF HOURS AND HE HAD AN OPTIC NERVE STROKE AND HE IS NOW
17 BLIND IN THAT EYE AND THAT'S WHY I FILED THE RICO SUIT. WHILE
18 THE RICO SUIT IS ONGOING IN FEDERAL COURT AND I AM A PRO SE
19 LITIGANT, ANIMAL CONTROL CAME BACK --

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHERE DO YOU RESIDE?

22

23 **MARGE WEEMS:** WEST HILLS, THE END OF ROSCOE BOULEVARD. I HAVE
24 CALLED YOU FOR 12 YEARS.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WEST -- THAT'S -- THAT'S MAYBE IN THE THIRD
2 DISTRICT.

3

4 **MARGE WEEMS:** NO. I'M IN YOURS.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. GO ON. SO YOU'RE IN THE SAN FERNANDO
7 VALLEY.

8

9 **MARGE WEEMS:** I AM IN YOURS 'CAUSE I AM WAY BACK RIGHT UP
10 AGAINST SIMI VALLEY, AND I HAVE HAD THIS CHECKED TO MAKE SURE
11 THAT I AM IN YOUR DISTRICT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU'VE BEEN WORKING WITH JENNIFER.

14

15 **MARGE WEEMS:** NO I'VE NEVER WORKED WITH JENNIFER.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JENNIFER IS MY DEPUTY IN CHARGE OF --

18

19 **MARGE WEEMS:** I HAVE NEVER WORKED WITH JENNIFER, JENNIFER
20 STONEWALLED ME AND WOULD NOT TALK TO ME BECAUSE YOUR WONDERFUL
21 NEW DOG CATCHER, WHO IS AN ANIMAL ENTERPRISE TERRORIST FROM
22 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA -- DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT IS? IT'S A
23 DOMESTIC TERRORIST THAT BELONGS TO ELF AND ELF, DECLARED UNDER
24 THE PATRIOT ACT THAT THEY ARE TERRORISTS, AND P.E.T.A. IS UP
25 BEFORE CONGRESS RIGHT NOW AND THE I.R.S. LOSING THEIR



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1 NONPROFIT STATUS BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN FINANCING THE
2 TERRORISM OF RANCHES, FARMS, PET STORES, HUMANE SOCIETIES,
3 NONPROFITS LIKE I FOUNDED IF THEY DON'T AGREE WITH WHAT GOES
4 ON. I HAVE CALLED YOU FOR 12 YEARS. YOU HAVE NEVER RESPONDED
5 TO ME. I AM STONEWALLED AT YOUR -- WHOEVER ANSWERS YOUR PHONE.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW ARE YOU CANOGA PARK.

8

9 **MARGE WEEMS:** IT USED TO BE CALLED CANOGA PARK, I'LL EXPLAIN
10 EXACTLY. DO YOU KNOW WHERE ROCADIME IS UP ON THE HILL? SIMI'S
11 BEHIND IT.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GIVE US YOUR ADDRESS.

14

15 **MARGE WEEMS:** THERE'S ROCADIME, WOOLSIE CANYON, BELL CANYON,
16 I'M RIGHT HERE RIGHT BACK UP AGAINST THE COUNTY LINE. I HAVE
17 THREE GATES TO GET TO MY PROPERTY, I'VE BEEN FORCED TO LIVE IN
18 A 1964 MOBILE HOME SINCE 1989 BECAUSE YOUR BUILDING AND SAFETY
19 PUT A CLOUD ON THE TITLE OF OUR PROPERTY. WE COULDN'T FINANCE,
20 WE COULDN'T SELL, WE COULDN'T BUILD, AND THEN WHEN KATHLEEN
21 KENNY WON HER RICO SUIT AGAINST YOU DECLARING 440 OF YOUR
22 UNDERGROUND RULE ORDINANCES FOR BUILDING AND SAFETY, DID NOT
23 COMPLY WITH THIS STATE, YOU DON'T REMEMBER, I'VE GOT THE TAPE
24 OF THAT MEETING, WITH THE STATE MANDATED UNIFORM BUILDING CODE
25 THAT YOU HAD TO COMPLY WITH, YOU HAD FOUR LEGAL ORDINANCES.



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1 YOU DID NOT REMOVE THE CLOUD FROM MY PROPERTY, SO I STILL
2 CAN'T FINANCE IT, SELL IT, OR ANYTHING ELSE. AND IN THE
3 MEANTIME --

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW, WHY DID PUBLIC WORKS DO THAT?

6

7 **MARGE WEEMS:** WE PUT UP 15 HORSE CORRALES, IT WAS CALLED
8 ILLEGAL HORSE CORRAL. I HAVE 15 BOXES OF DOCUMENTS. I AM NOW
9 FIGHTING FELONY ANIMAL CRUELTY CHARGES BECAUSE THE RICO SUIT
10 HAD NOT FINISHED. I HAVE HELPED PROBABLY 30 PEOPLE AROUND THE
11 STATE OF CALIFORNIA WITH THE ABUSE OF MARCIA MAYEDA GOING ON
12 TO THEIR PROPERTY, DOING ILLEGAL SEARCHES WITH INSPECTION
13 WARRANTS WHICH CANNOT BE USED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND SEIZING
14 THESE ANIMALS, FARMERS, RANCHERS, PETS, AND THEN DRAGGING THEM
15 THROUGH COURT AND CHARGING FELONY CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST
16 THESE PEOPLE, THE TARGETS AND THE M.O. IS PROPERTY OWNER, OVER
17 50 YEARS OLD, SENIOR CITIZEN, CHARGE THEM WITH A FELONY, TAKE
18 THEIR ANIMALS, RUN UP CHARGES OF 400 OR \$500 A DAY FOR THEIR
19 CONFISCATED ANIMALS, AND IF YOU DON'T, THEY BLACKMAIL YOU AND
20 ASK FOR EXTORTION FOR PAYMENT OF, OH, \$30,000 THE FIRST 10
21 DAYS. IF YOU DON'T PAY IT, THEY PUT A LIEN ON YOUR PROPERTY,
22 DRAG YOU THROUGH COURT ON FALSE FELONIES, OR YOU HAVE TO GIVE
23 YOUR ANIMALS AWAY, AND IF THEY'RE REGISTERED ANIMALS, GEE,
24 THEY CAN AUCTION THEM OFF AT \$300 A PIECE. SO I HAVE HELPED
25 THESE PEOPLE AROUND THE STATE FROM CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA, AND,



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1 BY THE WAY, ONE OF MY WHISTLE BLOWERS WAS ON TWO OF HER FORMER
2 EMPLOYEES -- EMPLOYERS, ONE WAS HAVID HUMAN, THE OTHER ONE WAS
3 SANTA CLARA COUNTY HUMANE WHERE PAT CLAIRBELT WAS ALSO. I WAS
4 A TARGET, HER FIRST TARGET WHEN SHE MOVED DOWN AND TOOK HER
5 JOB AS THE DOG CATCHER HERE.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ACTUALLY, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED, BUT
8 SOMEONE OVER HERE WILL SPEAK TO YOU AND GET THE REST OF THE
9 DETAILS.

10

11 **MARGE WEEMS:** I WANT TO GIVE EMMA HARTER'S, AND I'LL DO IT IN
12 ONE MINUTE. EMMA HARTER'S 72 YEARS OLD, LIVES IN ACTON, THREE
13 AND A HALF ACRES. SHE RAISES AND HAS RAISED CHIHUAHUAS,
14 PUREBREDS. ANIMAL CONTROL, THE SAME PEOPLE, SHERRY KONIG,
15 MARCIA MAYEDA SENT HER OUT TO ACTON, THEY WENT IN WITH A
16 INSPECTION WARRANT, WHICH IS A COMPUTER PRINTOUT OF MINE A
17 YEAR LATER. THEY KICKED IN HER DOOR. SHE WAS IN THE BACK OF
18 HER HOUSE. THEY PHYSICALLY, NOT THE DEPUTY SHERIFFS, DRAGGED A
19 72-YEAR-OLD WOMAN OUT TO THE SQUAD CAR WHERE TWO BIG DEPUTIES
20 WERE WAITING. WHY DIDN'T THEY GO IN THE HOUSE? THEY KNEW IT
21 WAS AN ILLEGAL SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANT, AND THEY DO IT ALL
22 THE TIME, AND SHERIFF BACA HAS TO BE TOLD ABOUT THIS. THEY
23 CANNOT STAND BY WHILE A DOG CATCHER EXECUTES A WARRANT.
24 CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE STATES 813, 814, THERE MUST BE PROBABLE



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1 CAUSE AND THEY MUST BE SERVED AND YES, SHE CAN HAND IT TO YOU.

2 SHE CAN'T SERVE IT AND EXECUTE IT.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED.

5

6 **MARGE WEEMS:** THEY ASSAULTED, MARCIA MAYEDA ASSAULTED AND
7 BATTERED ME BECAUSE I TURNED AROUND AND LOOKED WHILE ONE OF
8 HER PEOPLE WAS HANGING A CAT IN A NOOSE, A 20-POUND CAT, ITS
9 NECK WAS BREAKING, AND I SAID, "PLEASE DON'T KILL THAT CAT,"
10 AND SHE SAYS, "YOU CAN'T LOOK AT THAT," AND I SAID, "PLEASE,
11 HE'S NOT A WILDCAT." SHE HIT ME TWICE MORE. I HAVE 5,000 IN
12 MEDICAL BILLS TO PROVE IT. I'M 60 YEARS OLD. EMMA HARTER WAS
13 ALSO ASSAULTED AND BATTERED BY SHERRY KONIG, AND THEY ARE
14 CHARGING HER WITH ASSAULT AND BATTERY AGAINST A POLICE
15 OFFICER, WHICH SHE IS NOT.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR.
18 SHAPIRO, THEY'LL DISCUSS IT WITH YOU.

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20 **MARGE WEEMS:** WHO'S MR. SHAPIRO?

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE'S SITTING THERE GETTING READY TO SPEAK.

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24 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** I'LL HELP YOU ANYHOW BUT THEY MEAN SOMEBODY
25 ELSE. **MARGE WEEMS:** I WAS ALSO ASSAULTED OUT THERE, MY HAND WAS



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1 SLAPPED BY ONE OF YOUR LOCAL POLICE, I'M GOING DOWN TO FILE A
2 REPORT AGAINST THAT AS SOON AS I LOCATE --

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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6 **MARGE WEEMS:** THIS IS MY FIRST TIME HERE AND THANK YOU FOR
7 LISTENING, I APPRECIATE IT, AND MR. ANTONOVICH --

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GO OVER HERE AND YOU CAN TALK TO HIS AIDE.
10 MR. SHAPIRO NEEDS TO START.

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12 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** DON'T START MY TIME YET.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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16 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** OKAY. DON'T START MY TIME 'TIL I'VE GIVEN MY
17 NAME.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. GIVE YOUR NAME.

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21 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** WAIT A MINUTE. FIRST I WANT TO CONGRATULATE
22 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THE BEAUTIFUL ROOM THAT YOU GOT
23 HERE AND THE BEAUTIFUL ACOUSTICS YOU GOT IN THIS ROOM. I JUST
24 CAME FROM CITY HALL AND YOU CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING AND THE SEATS
25 ARE HARD AS LEAD.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S THE SECRET, MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY
3 THAT. OKAY, I'M SORRY.

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5 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** AND NOW YOU CAN START MY TIME. MY NAME IS
6 LEONARD SHAPIRO, I'M A REPORTER FOR THE WATTS TIMES AND THE
7 TELUKAN TIMES, TOTAL CIRCULATION 50,000, FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH.
8 I JUST WANTED TO SPEAK TO YOU. I'VE DONE THIS UNDER SUGGESTION
9 OF ONE OF YOUR EMPLOYEES AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO THE FIVE
10 MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE WHO ARE STILL HERE PLUS THE 26
11 EMPLOYEES YOU STILL GOT. BUT I DO WANT TO TALK ON THIS
12 OPPORTUNITY TO THIS BOARD, WHO ARE ALL HERE EXCEPT MOLINA, WHO
13 LEFT, I GUESS SHE HAD A REASON, BUT THE POINT IS, I JUST WANT
14 TO REITERATE EVERY YEAR OR TWO I TELL YOU THAT YOU ARE ALL LAW
15 VIOLATORS, YOU'RE ALL VIOLATING THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT UPON
16 THE RECOMMENDATION I HAD MADE OF YOUR AS COUNTY COUNSEL, MR.
17 PELLMAN, WHO INTERPRETS IT IN HIS WAY AND IT HASN'T BEEN
18 INTERPRETED BY ANY COURT. THE POINT THAT I'M BRINGING OUT
19 RIGHT NOW IS THE FACT THAT THE BROWN ACT, MR. ANTONOVICH, THE
20 RALPH M. BROWN ACT STATES EMPHATICALLY THAT THE PUBLIC HAS A
21 RIGHT TO SPEAK ON EVERY ITEM, ON EVERY AGENDA THAT YOU HAVE.
22 NOW, YOU KNOW YOU DON'T ALLOW IT, YOU PUT DOWN ONLY ONE ITEM IS
23 ALL YOU CAN SPEAK ON. NOW, MR. YAROSLAVSKY UNDERSTANDS THIS
24 FROM CITY HALL THAT THEY OBEY THE LAW THERE IN THE CITY
25 COUNCIL AND YOU DON'T OBEY THE LAW HERE BECAUSE IF SOMEBODY



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1 WANTED TO SPEAK ON ALL THE ITEMS, THEY COULD. THE WAY THE CITY
2 COUNCIL HANDLES THAT IS THEY SET UP COMMITTEES. IF YOU DON'T
3 WANT TO HEAR ME IN PUBLIC SPEAK ON EVERY ONE OF YOUR ITEMS
4 THAT YOU HAVE ON YOUR AGENDA, ALL YOU GOT TO DO IS SET UP A
5 COMMITTEE, HAVE A COMMITTEE MEETING, AND I'VE GOT TO GO TO ALL
6 YOUR COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO SPEAK ON IT, BUT IF YOU DON'T GIVE
7 ME THE PRIVILEGE OF SPEAKING AT THE COMMITTEE, THEN YOU GOT TO
8 LISTEN TO ME HERE. THAT'S WHAT THE BROWN ACT SAYS, AND YET YOU
9 ARE ALL SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR THE COUNTY, ALL THE COUNTY
10 CITIZENS, YOU SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THEM BY SAYING THAT "WE DON'T
11 HAVE TO OBEY THE LAW. WE'RE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS AND WE DO NOT HAVE TO OBEY THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT.
13 WE KNOW IT STATES THAT YOU HAVE -- IT WILL ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO
14 SPEAK ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS," BUT YOU SAY YOU DON'T WANT TO. ONE
15 IS ENOUGH. AND THEN YOU SAY AGAIN THAT YOU CAN ONLY SPEAK ON
16 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS THAT ARE WITHIN YOUR JURISDICTION AND
17 NOT ON THE AGENDA, YOU CAN SPEAK ONE TIME.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR I --

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21 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** THE BROWN ACT STATES THAT YOU CAN SPEAK ON
22 ONE ITEM ON PUBLIC COMMENT AT ANY TIME. WHO'S INTERRUPTING ME?

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I AM, I'M INTERRUPTING YOU. FIRST OF ALL,
25 HOW MANY TIMES DID MR. GIRON SPEAK TODAY MS. BURKE?



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, I KNOW OF TWICE, AND WE HAVE ANOTHER
3 PERSON HERE THAT USUALLY SPEAKS AT LEAST THREE OR FOUR TIMES.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHATEVER YOUR PERCEPTION IS OF WHAT WE
6 DO, I THINK WE -- EVERYBODY WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD IS HEARD,
7 EVEN THOUGH SOMETIMES --

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9 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** EVEN THOUGH YOU SAY IN HERE YOU CAN ONLY
10 SPEAK ON ONE ITEM, I MEAN DISOBEY WHAT YOU --

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T DISAGREE WITH YOU ON THAT, BUT AS WE
13 FUNCTION, I THINK THE CHAIR HAS -- NOT JUST THIS CHAIR, BUT
14 PREVIOUS CHAIRS HAVE BEEN VERY ACCOMMODATING TO EVERYBODY.

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16 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** GOOD. I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU DISOBEY YOUR OWN
17 RULES AND YOU OBEY THE STATE LAW OF THE BROWN ACT, I'M SAYING
18 IT'S IMPORTANT AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED TO GET THE PUBLIC
19 INVOLVED, TO GET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TO DO THAT. I'VE TOLD
20 YOU THIS MANY TIMES, AND UNDER BAD ADVICE OF YOUR COUNTY
21 COUNSEL, YOU HAVE DECIDED THAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT YOUR OWN
22 -- ON TOP OF IT IT COSTS YOU MONEY. YOU HOLD THIS LIST UP HERE
23 --

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RELAX, RELAX, RELAX, IT'S BEEN A WHILE.



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2 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** TO KEEP TRACK OF WHEN EVERYBODY SPEAKS, AND
3 IT TAKES TIME TO DO THIS, IT TAKES TIME TO DO THIS --

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE YOU GO.

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7 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** AND IT TAKES MONEY TO DO THIS AND YOU DO IT
8 AND YOU'VE BEEN DOING IT FOR 10 YEARS, JUST TO CIRCUMVENT THE
9 LAW. THE LAW SAYS YOU CAN SPEAK ON EVERY AGENDA, EVERY ITEM. I
10 DON'T MEAN EVERY ITEM. EVERY TIME YOU HAVE AN AGENDA, THE
11 PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO BE HEARD. THEY DO IT IN THE CITY. THEY
12 DO IT IN EVERY ONE OF THE CITIES. THEY DO IT IN ALL THE
13 COUNTIES OF THE STATE EXCEPT FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY! AND
14 YOU'VE BEEN DOING IT THIS WAY AND GETTING AWAY WITH THIS FOR
15 10 YEARS! AND I JUST WANT TO BRING IT TO YOUR ATTENTION ONE
16 MORE TIME! YOU'RE ALL LAW VIOLATORS AND YOU ALL DESERVE TO BE
17 IN JAIL!

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SHAPIRO.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MISS YOU, LEONARD.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LEONARD, SINCE YOU RAN FOR MAYOR, WHAT HAVE
24 YOU BEEN UP TO? LEONARD WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO SINCE YOU RAN
25 FOR MAYOR?



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2 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** WHAT WAS THAT?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING SINCE YOU RAN FOR
5 MAYOR?

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7 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** WELL, YOU KNOW, I WAS, AS I SAY I WASN'T --

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH WHY DID YOU HAVE TO ASK HIM.

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11 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** BUT I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY WHEN SO MANY OF
12 YOU AND YOUR NICE EMPLOYEES BEGGED ME, "LEONARD WE WANT TO
13 HEAR FROM YOU, SAY SOMETHING."

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL NICE TO SEE YOU BACK, NICE TO SEE YOU
16 BACK.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THOUGHT YOU RETIRED.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT EMPLOYEES, WE WANT TO KNOW WHO THEY
21 WERE.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY IS THERE ANYTHING FURTHER?

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS
2 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
3 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE
4 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION AS INDICATED
5 ON THE POSTED SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ALSO THE TUESDAY MAY 6,
6 2003 REGULAR MEETING IS CANCELLED. THE BOARD WILL BE HOLDING
7 SPECIAL MEETINGS ON MAY 7, 2003, AT 8:00 A.M. AND ON MAY 8,
8 2003, AT 8:30 A.M. IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO MEET WITH FEDERAL
9 ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS. AGENDAS WILL BE POSTED AT THE
10 COUNTY'S WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE LOCATED AT 440 FIRST STREET
11 NORTHWEST, ROOM 440, OUTSIDE HEARING ROOM 381-B OF THE KENNETH
12 HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, AND ON THE COUNTY'S WEB SITE,
13 BEGINNING THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2003. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF
14 THE BOARD IS TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2003, AT 9:30 A.M. THANK YOU.

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1 [NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION,

2 TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2003.]

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4 There is no reportable action as a result of today's closed
5 session.

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